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A special danger comes to men and women who carry the burden of church activities, a subtia temptation to substitute the outward for the inner, to value activity and to neglect interior For every Christian who prays too much there are ten thousand who pray too little. And the rejoinder is not convincing that one can pray in the midst of activity. Of course, he can and he should. But these fragments of prayer are no adequate substitute for unhurried and reverent adoration, for leisurely reflection upon the goodness and holiness of God and praise to CAUMHESS him for blessings received, for sustained selfexamination under divine eyes, for vivid awareness of the contrast between present spiritual condition and future possibility of growth, for fresh commitment to the doing of will, for fervent intercession in behalf of loved ones and those in special need and those who carry the burden of public office, for quiet and intent listening to the still small voice, and for the sheer exaltation of an unbroken experience of the presence of God.

Being is prior to doing. Overflow nourishes the good life.

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date July 8th, 1401, In the records of Seville Cathedral in Spain, are these words of its founders: "Let us build a church so great that those who come after us may think we are made to have attempted it." And to this day the structure stands as "that stone fabric of men's imagination," "a veritable treasure house of art masterpieces, wood carvings, sculptures and reliquaries."

Long before the year 1401, the Roman ruler Festus had cried out: "Paul, you are mad; your great learning is turning you mad." And later the apostle confessed: "For the ingels of House and the "We are leoked upon as foels, for Christ's sake... If any man among you thinks himself of the world's clever ones, let him discard his cleverness that he may learn to be truly wise. For this world's cleverness is stupidity to God."

everyone else insane. To individuals whose lives are made up of subtant drinking and carousing, it seems and madness good man for a matter se to live as to get himself crucified as a public enemy. A person whose light itself is the darkness looks upon true light as utter station epaqueness. When with tenacity we hold to wrong ideas, those who contradict us are considered unsound.

In the New Testament the world, the flesh, and the devil denounced are seemed as enemies of the good life. Self-centeredness in pursuit of its own gain and power and pleasure recognized as standing over against God-centeredness and eager desire to do his holy will in deeds of lovingkindness. Little wonder then that the challenge still resounds: Be not conformed to this world. Come ye out from among them and be different:

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In his famous commentary on The Epistle of Paul to the

Romans, Professor Dodd cites convincing evidence that in the

apostle's mind the Wrath of God is "an inevitable process of

and not hersend! Vindictiveness."

Cause and effect in a moral universe, This is a conclusion

of utmost importance because it enables to see clearly the

relation between the Grace of God and the Wrath of God.

All New Testament writers agree that the Grace of God is his free gift of leve to undeserving sinners while they are still living in inquity. It is an expression of God's true character, and is bestowed on his own initiative because of his ardent desire. It can never be deserved and it can never be earned. It is a self-sacrificing gift from God, Marketane and flows continously. Nothing can step it, not even our worst sins. Always God confronts us with passion for our wellbeing. Never does he reveal the slightest trace of spirit. Nothing can separate us from the Grace of God, absolutely nothing.

Out of his great love for us, and because of his compassionate concern for our wellbeing, God sustains the moral order of the universe and maintains the integrity of the law of the harvest. Good seed produce a good harvest, and not even the Grace of God can prevent an evil harvest from the sowing of evil seed. The good harvest is the expression of the Grace of God, and the evil harvest is the only Wrath of God there is. The Cross of Christ is the supreme revelation of both Grace and Wrath.

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Those of us who are seeking the peace of God which passes all understanding will do well to reflect upon the meaning of these words from the content Dean Inge: "A generation which wishes for a religion without tears must find it difficult to adjust its beliefs to the teaching of the New Testament and to the facts of life."

The great characters of the Bible were men of sorrows and acquainted with grief. The pinnacle passage of the Old Testament is about the suffering servant who brings redemption to the guilty. The heart of the New Testament is the Cross of Christ, and the Holy Spirit of God groans over us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Yet the Gospel of Christ is good news, and the note of triumph resounds from Matthew to Revelation. The joy of our Lord and the peace of God are assured to true disciples.

The suffering of the righteous is unavoidable for at certain lease three reasons: First, leve is brank to bring suffering when the beloved suffers. Second, the more we grow spiritually, the more we grieve over our weaknesses and sins. Third, the higher we climb above the status que, the more we become suspected and feared and received victimized.

Thus it is impossible to experience enduring peace of mind on the surface of life. The peace of God is found only in the deep waters where love brings identification with those who suffer and hely comradeship

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One of the oldest of human questions is, What shall I do with my enemy? Three answers reflect stages of spiritual insight in the Bible: take vengeance against him seventy times seven, render justice and restrict retaliation to one eye for one eye, love him with self-giving concern.

Jesus' reason for calling upon his disciples to leve their enemies is, "so that you may show yourselves true sons of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on bad and good alike, and makes the rain fall on the upright and the wrongdeer."

Love is the greatest thing in the world because it is the very nature of God. keep is more than a sentiment or God continues to love an emotion, it is is a relationship. Respectively. while he beholds in us many attitudes and actions which he does not like. So we are called upon to leve even when we do not like. Leve in this sense is not the same as physical love or mix family affection. It is concern for the wellbeing of an enemy, an ardent desire that his life may be filled with wisdom, righteousness and joy. It is yearning that he may become everything that God wants him to be, that he also may be a true som of our Father God. It is more than aspiragition, it is commitment and effort expended in his behalf. Its fullest expression is seen in the Way of the Cross, where innocence suffers at the hands of the guilty and prays for the forgiveness of the wrongdoor. Little wonder then that the New Testement insists that when a man is in Christ he is a new creature.

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"Why doesn't God do something?" is the cry of many an anguished heart when tragedy strikes.

Long before the moment of desclation comes, we should discipline our minds and hearts with the realization that God now is doing everything that he can do to enrich our lives and grant unto us fulness of joy. That is, he is doing all that he can transfer do - until. But he could do much more - if.

- 1. He is loving us with affection far deeper than any human love can be with infinite longing for our wellbeing.
- 2. He has equipped us with every faculty needed for life in the Kingdom of God, and is constantly appealling to our mind and emotion, conscience and will to follow his guidance and receive his power.
- 3. He is trusting us with the use of our faculties, and never takes away from us freedom of choice, not even when we use our liberty to live in rebellion against his holy will.
- 4. He is maintaining the moral order of the universe, and holding inviolable the law of sowing and reaping, so that good seed produce a good harvest and evil seed an evil harvest.
- 5. He is enabling us to grow in understanding and in ability to enter ever more deeply into life abundant.
- He is suffering with us in all our distresses, and affording his companionship in every hour of trouble.
- %. He is offering us the salvation of right relationships

 as we respond to the revelation in his Son our Lord.
- 9. He is providing for us an eternal home in the ages to come.
- Jesus, in ways that are best for us.

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go to church without expectation. It simply does not occur them they are to that something miraculous may happen invited while in the sanctuary, that they may meet the Eternal face to face, that a profounder understanding of Christ may burst upon them, and that they may go cut with power and joy to face the problems of life. And we preachers sometimes proclaim the Good News in anticipation, half-hearted manner with little that they may go with the very power of God unto conviction and transformation of some individual in the congregation.

"Prepare to meet thy God" is a familiar billboard exortation.

These words ought to be inscribed upon hearts of ministers and members alike as they enter the house of worship. Expect great things from God, Attempt great things for God, was the mighty slogan of the student movement in the last generation. Because we do not expect enough, we do not attempt enough. It is impossible to maintain zest in futility. If something vital is to happen, we must expect it to happen.

We do believe in the wisdom and love and power of God. We have confidence in the promise of our Lord that the Holy Spirit will guide us. We admit that God in Christ can utterly transform our lives. Let us, therefore, practice awareness, practice expectancy, and practice attempting great things for God.

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of Christ is an arduous journey and must be taken seriously.

And so we read the challenge of our Lord; "Go in by the

narrow gate. For the wide gate has a broad road which leads to

disaster and there are many people going that way. The narrow

gate and the hard road led out into life and only a few find it."

In the Letter of James we read: "When all kinds of trials and

temptations crowd into your lives, my brothers, don't resent them

as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realise that they

In the letter to Rome, we heard Saint Paul pleading: "With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg of you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him and acceptable by Him.

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the Plan of God for property you is good, meets all His demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity."

come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of

endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is

character with the right sort of independence."

fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature

Keep on seeking, continue knocking at the door and you will find your way into life indeed.

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The grace of God is the costly offering of his love and forgiveness and power to undeserving sinners, even while they rebelliously live statement as prodigals far from home. The grace of God cannot be earned, it is an unmerited gift from holy love. It is bestowed for the sole reason that it is the nature of God to grant it.

The grace of God finds it supreme incarnation in the cross of Christ. Jesus was no actor faultlessly reading the lines of a script prepared for him. Bis believe account the left of the form and the left of the cross because, under all the circumstances, love and fidelity moved him in this direction.

"While we were yet simners, Christ died for the ungedly," for the ungedly, for the undeserving. Love is poured freely because it is love.

No more terrible distortion is possible than the theory of hresents the death of Jesus on the cross as necessary to appease the make whath whath and permissible make it morally possible for him to forgive sinners. The reveeled grace of Ged was continued and permissible on the cross. Jesus' prayer itself for the forgiveness of the men who were killing him was prompted indelibly by the grace of God. Saturate your mind intellige with the truth that God is as good as Jesus.

O for a thousand tongues
to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and
King,
The triumphs of His grace:

Hear Him, ye deaf; His

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Ye blind, behold your

Saviour come;

And leap, ye lame,

for joy. (C. Wesley)

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exclaimed a Roman selectar to Saint Paul. And every privilege we enjoy has cost somebody something. We live in a moral universe where there is an inexorable law of the harvest. Reaping always comes from sowing, but ne solitary figure ever brought in the harvest. We reap together, as we sew together. Life is corporate. We are bound together, cannot live in seclusion and do not die in isolation. Our virtues and our sins alike flow into the lives of others.

The corporate nature of life is yet more significant.

What God does influences us, and what we do brings joy or grief to the heart of the Eternal. The records of human doings is full of parental exultation over the glerious achievements of sons and daughters, and likewise full of paternal anguish and maternal agony ever the pain and shame of their children. And so it is with God. There is jey in heaven and there is much suffering the hautet of our father.

Because God is leve, pure untarnished love, he is bound /ight/y
to every sufferer. He is the vine and we are the branches.

The stuff of life flows from him into us and back into his
soul. When we sin, he grieves; when we are stricken, his
hearts throbs in affection. God suffered with Jesus on the
cross, and he enters into every human experience of bliss and
degradation. Therefore, rise, shine and give God glory:

Men grip the seat in front of them, their knuckles white with intensity of their their faces strained by the depth of their emotion. The young voice travels on: "O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him, too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do." The solist forgets to bow. There is no applause - only a great silence.

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Mysterious beyond all comprehension is the impact of human song upon the spirit of man. Enter into this experience, as narrated by Leslie D. Weatherhed:

The scene is the Queeen's Hall, Lond. A cultured audience has gathered to listen a concert. One of the the program is a song by a young girl whose name is unknown. still booking her light epperance perote the ordinal mustcal She sings, with perfect voice and that artless grace which is the height of art, a song which she has Many hours. After deafening applause, she sings the same song again. The audience demands more. She goes on to the platform. The noise and tumult and cheering subside. In perfect stillness she begins: "There is a green hill far away, Mithout to city wall, Where the dear Lord was crucified, Tho died to save us all." She sings it to Goun old's glorious setting. The effect is electrical. It is a long time since many of those who listen have heard any religious message, and a very long time indeed since they have heard the message of the 6ross. The beautiful voice goes on: "We may not know, we cannot tell, That pains he had to bear, But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there." The silence becomes almost tangible. The tension is ammost more than people can bear, and still the voice goes on: tonsbert the create to trake us bood That we might to at least to hearth sixed by his frecious clade There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; He only could unlock the gate of Heaven, and let us in. There are not many dry eyes.

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Less than ten percent of our latent possibilities are released into actual life. We pass through this world with our faculties poorly trained and ineffectually utilised.

When our worst is contrasted with our best, and when comparison is made between the most primitive man and the individual with highest genius, we eatch a glimpse of the illitable range of life.

clearer than anyone else Jesus process realized the unlimited possibilities of life created in God's image and blessed God's guidance and power. Almost incredible are his own words: "Truly, truly I tell you, he who believes in me will do the very deeds I de, and still greater deeds than these." Per Transpoint to the Father, and I will to whatever you also in my dame." And in the First Epistle of John we read: "Here and now we are God's children. We don't what what we shall become in the future. We only only that, if reality were to break through, we should reflect His likeness, for we should see Him as He really is!"

Life is boundless, and anticome as we reminded by
William Temples "It is surely quite clear that if anyone
had studied the world before there was life on it he could
never have predicted life; if he had studied vegetation he would
never have predicted animal life; if he had studied the
animal world he would never have predicted human civilization
and the arts; and if he studied the selfishness of mankind
he could never have predicted a life of perfect and selfless
love."

The constant factor is the wisdom and power and love of God; the variant is the degree of human sensitivity, responsiveness and commitment.

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Memory is a source of power and joy to the human soul.

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Let this prose poem of John Ruskin prompt your own memory: No

"The storm swept finally to the north, and the noble outlines of the domes of Albano rose against pure streaks of alternate blue and amber, the upper sky gradually flushing through the last fragments of rain-cloud in deep, palpitating azure, half ether and half dew.

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"I cannot call it color, it was conflagration. Purple and crimson and scarlet, like the curtains of God's tabernacle; the rejoicing trees sank into the valley in showers of light, every separate leaf quivering with buoyant and burning life; each, as it turned to reflect or to transmit the sunbeam, first a torch and then an emerald. Far up into the recesses of the valley, the green vistas arched like the hollows of mighty waves of some crystalline sea, with the arbutus flowers dashed along their flanks for foam, and silver flakes of orange spray toqssed into the air around them, breaking over the gray walls of rock into a thousand separate stars. Every blade of grass burned like the golden floor of heaven, opening in sudden gleams as the foliage broke and closed above it, as sheet-lightning opens in a cloud at sunset."

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky and sea!"

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Richard Roberts was one of the great preachers of the past generation, holding pulpits in London, New Work, Toronto and Montreal. Listen to his word about the cross of Christ:

"The end was inevitable. The ecclesiastical authorities had made up their minds that Jesus should die... Jesus was hurried to Golgotha and there was crucified. And so far aw Caiaphas and Pilate were concerned, the trouble was over.

Yet we face this amazing paradox - that ever since that day the incident on Calvary has stood out as the most significant event recorded in history...

"What indignity and injustice a man might suffer, He suffered; false witness, crocked judgment, insult and derision - all came to Him... He had come through the mire of hate and lies, and it had left neither spot nor stain on His love; and the final insult of the crucifixion left it untouched and undiminished. 'Courage in strife,' says Mr. H. M. Tomlinson, 'is common enough; even the dogs have it. But the courage which can face ultimate defeat of a life of good will and yet crave forgiveness for a wild and angry mob, because ignorance has no light, that is different. That is victory, if that fine word has any meaning at all."

"Here lies the primary power of the Cross - this spectacle of a love that would not let go of man and of a faith that would not let go of God... To love when hate is trampling you under foot in its mud, to go on trusting God, when your dearest hope lies dead, as Jesus did - this is the final splendour of personality." And this is the clearest revelation of the character of God. God is this good.

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If you would deepen your appreciation of the sheer goodness of God, reflect upon the quality of life exhibited by the best members of the best human families ever to live on this earth. Then remind yourself that all this superior love is merely a faint reflection of the character of God, whose goodness is as far above human goodness as we are distant from the most remote point in space.

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Truly we are members of the divine family, dwelling with our loved ones in the mansion of God. Three hundred years age

Thomas Traherne exclaimed: "Your enjoyment of the world is never right, till every morning you awake in Heaven; see yourself in your Father's Palace, and look upon the skies, the earth and the air as Celestial Joys: having such a reverend esteem of all as if you were among the angels. Till you can sing and rejoice and delight in God, as misers do in gold, and Kings in scepters, you never enjoy the world."

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Beginning in me.

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which he can give himself with utmost devotion. A mother is willing to make any sacrifice for her children, and a patriot will pay any price for the preservation of liberty.

In an oft-quoted challenge to young Italians, Garabaldi cried out, "I am going out from home, I offer neither quarters, offer nor provisions, nor wages. I with hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death. Let him who loves his country with his heart and not his lips only follow me." In every land and in every century this challenge has met with passionate response.

And this is the summons of our Lord Jesus. He offers men a cause which is worthy of their all. He makes calls disciples and with entire frankness warms them of trouble ahead. If with fresh minds we could read the record of the requirements of discipleship, we would realise that Jesus is appealling to the most fervent yearning of the human heart - a cause big enough to demand everything. Render fall obedience to God and do his will at any cost, and enter into life. Consider these familiar words, "If anyone wants to go with me, he must disregard himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to preserve his own life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for me and for the good news will preserve it... I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God."

The Christian requirement is total allegiance to Jesus loving Christ in doing the will of God.

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Man is a mysterious creature, with innate urges which defy logic. One of his most powerful drives is a sense of duty, an impulse to do what "ought" to be done.

Dr. Hideyo Noguchi became the embodiment of this feeling the of solemn obligation. In childhoods were fingers of his left hand were burned. In spite of this handicap, and because his father was a drunkard, he was compelled to work long hours. A Japanese footor noticed with Hideyo's crippled hand, began to treat it, and created in the boy a desire to be a doctor. Accepted pertilipated the took at a go on and I under a midroscope and probable the testimento become a backenial spice. In Tokyo with painful application he earned a meager living and passed his the medical examination. After three years at medical school of Much of his the University of Pennsylvania, he studied in Europe. His renowned research work was done at the Rockfeller Institute in New York City. In his efforts to eradicate yellow fever he journeyed to Ecudaor, Mexico, Peru, and Brail. When Dr. Stokes died of yellow fever in Africa, Noguchi felt impelled to take his colleague's place and complete his researches there. In 1928 at the age of fifty-one, with a bad heart and afflicted with warnings diabetes, in spite of the protests of his colleagues, he insisted on sailing for Africa. Within a few weeks he contracted the scourge and died.

Full of mystery is the human determination to take the path of duty at the risk of one's own life. The religious answer is simple - the sense of "oughtness" is implanted deep within man this, by the living God. Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his live for others, said our Lord.

our Lord Jesus Christ never sent any man there. All who go to hell, go in spite of utmost effort on our lathers part to keep Dammation Salvation them out of it. Hall is wrong relationship, haven is right relationship. Heaven and hell are states of being. Inasmuch family and as love God and neighbor and enemy we are saved. God never leaves enything undone that he can do to bring about the salvation of every person in this wide universe. It is not God's will that a single individual should be lost. Let us live by the conviction that God is utterly wise and wholly good, and that we are

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Christians have universally believed in the righteousness of God, but often they have held distorted ideas of his holiness and his justice. Nowhere is this made plainer than in their ideas of hell. Many Christians have believed in hell as ideas a lake of literal fire, in which unrepentant sinners are burned throughout eternity. It has long been maintained that holiness and justice require that a loving God mete out everlasting punishment to recalcitrant sinners.

After an extensive reading of the literature of the torments of hell, Lecky the British historian says: "It is impossible to conceive more ghasly, grotesque, and material conceptions of the future ownld than they evince, or more hideous calumnies against that Being who was supposed to inflict upon His creatures such unspeakable misery. Daemons with hooks of red-hot iron plunged souls alternately into fire and ice. Some of the lost were hung by their tongues, others were sawn asunder, others boiled and then strained through a cloth. It is indeed one of the most curious things in moral history, to observe how men who were sincerely indignant with Pagan writers for attributing to their divinites the frailties of an occasional jealousy or an occasional sensuality, have nevertheless unscrupulously ttributed to their own Pivinity a degree of cruelty which may be confidently said to transcend the utmost barbarity of which human nature is capable" - even beyond the cruelty of Nero or Hitler or Staling at least

Let us live by the conviction that God is as good as Jesus was good when on the cross he prayed for the men who were torturing him; always God has been that good; and ever will he be that good.

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Men have traveled many roads in their search for God. Often they have resorted to flight from society. In the Many days of Jesus, small colonies of Essenes, who had despaired of the world, were living as celibates on the edge of the desert. An exodus of consecrated Christians to the desert occurred in the third and fourth centuries. Anthony of Egypt in early life renounced his earthly fortune, fled to the desert, spent kis remainder of his days tiff in prayer and contemplation, his solitude of more than seventy years being unbroken save for three brief visits to comfort Christians persecuted by Rome and to refute heretics within the church. Paul of Thebes spent ninety years in solitude in the desert. Simeon Tylites lived atop of a sixty-foot pillar for thaity years. Only once in forty-two years did Daniel the Stylite descend from his high pillar. Beasrion spent forty days and nights in the midst of thorn-bushes, and for forty years never laid down when he slept. Thousands of devout men and women mutilated their own bodies and subjected themselves to countless forms of selftorture. Chapters in the lives of some of the saints read like Chastity and colibacy descriptions from chambers of horrors. for forty-eight years were so exalted that John of Lycopolis refused to looks upon the face of a woman. Many cases are recorded of refusal to talk even with mother or sister.

Nowadays we turn in abhorrence from this record of selftorture and self-denial. But we must realize that what was
pleasing to God was the passionate longing for divine companionship,
and the rigor with which they sought to bring the body under control
of the spirit. And well may we inquire of ourselves: how seriously
do we practice the presence of God? how fervent is our praying?

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how effective is the discipline exercises by our praying?

THE RANGE OF HUMAN NATURE

-LIVING FITH PLACE OF MIND

By Kirby Page

Man at his best is little lower than the angels, and at his worst is more ferocious and callous than the wild beasts of the jungle. Hujan capacity for cruelty is illustrated in the centuries of gladiatorial combats in ancient Rome. was pitted against beast, beast against man, and man against man. Under Nere four hundred tigers fought with bulls and elephants, and at the dedication of the Colosseum five thousand animal slew one another. On a single day, Caesar sent ten thousand gladiators into the arena. Listen to de indictment by the Lecky the historian: "That not only men but women con divineed period of civilization enough have made the carnage of men their habitual amusement, that all this should have centinued for centuries with scarcely a protest, is one of the most startling facts in moral history ... and displays done the thing any more philosophical disquisition the abyss of depravity into which it is possible for human nature to sink." Yet, "the very men who looked down with delight when the sand

for cruelty was is abundantly with fully heretics, the treatment of slaves, the slaughter of Indian sells, bussolini's bombing of the villages of Ethiopia, Hitler's gas chambers, the atomic bombine of the villages to the security through the prevails. atomic and hydrogen weapons.

Man is in desperate need of a Savior! God so loved that he gave, and ever continues to give! What a sorrow and a shame that so often close our minds and our hearts against him!

FAN THE FLAME

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By Kirby Page

It has been said that "life is pure flame, and we live by an invisible sun within us." Imagination is its name, the illumination which comes from projection. Imagination gives us wings with which to traverse land and sea and air, to dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth, and in radiant fellowship with the living God.

Jesus taught his disciples to live imaginatively, to do unto others as you would have them do to you. That is, enter into the experience of others, and view life from that perspective. Compassion is concern merged with imagination. Commitment is teaming-up the power of will and imagination. Adoration is reverence fused with imagination.

Yes, "life is pure flame," and its brilliance may be fanned by imagination. Wise is the person who seeks opportunity to experience the blending of silence and beauty and imagination, who arranges for leisure to enjoy music and ideas and vision.

And happy is the individual whose power of identification enriches communion with God and fellowship with man. Life is perioded and made holy by time exposures of the human spirit to the beautiful, the harmonious, the true, the good.

How stupid of us to be taken prisoner by fleshly appetite and worldly ambition. We are made for rapture. Day by day we may be led by imagination into moods of wonder and awe, gratitude and thanksgiving, into the sheer joy of being alive, as the eyes of the heart are enlightened. Train your imagination to keep trimmed the wicks of the flame of life, and walk joyously as guided by the Inner Light.

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By Kirby Page

The road to hell may be paved with good works. Busy-ness in noble causes does not carry a guarantee of salvation. To those who were sure of their own righteousness, Jesus said do bluntly: "I never knew you! Go away from me, you who wrong!" A woman of distinction once consulted the Abbe Huvelin about her spiritual health, and received this advice: "Madam, I beseech you to mistrust your zeal for doing good to other people." Martin Luther once said that he feared good works more than his sins.

A special danger comes to men and women who carry the burden of church activities, a subtle temptation to substitute the outward for the inner, to value activity and to neglect interior replenishing. For every Christian who prays too much there are ten thousand who pray too little. And the rejoinder is not convincing that one can pray in the midst of activity. Of course, can and should. But these fragments of prayer are no adequate substitute for unhurried and reverent adoration, for leisurely reflection upon the goodness and holiness of God and praise to him for countless blessings received, for sustained self-examination under divine eyes, for vivid awareness of the contrast between present spiritual condition and the future possibility of growth, for the cry of confession and the appeal to be forgiven, for fresh commitment to the doing of God's will, for fervent intercession in behalf of loved ones and those in special need and those who carry the burden of public office, for quiet and intent listening to the still small voice, and for the sheer exaltation of an unbroken experience of the presence of God.

Being is prior to doing. Overflow nourishes the good life.

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GOD'S GIFT OF GENIUS

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By Kirby Page

One of the mysteries of life is the genius with which some individuals are born - some with genius for mathematics, some for art, some for poetry. Arture Toscani was born with genius for music, although his father was an obscure tailor in Italy. When graduating from the conservatory, he received the highest possible ratings in celle, piene and compossition.

Even at this early age Mannamin Toscanini possessed a memory so amazing that accounts of it seem utterly incredible. Soon this memory was to be given dramatic expression. He sailed for South America with an opera company, as cellist and an assistant chorus master. On the first night at Rie de Janeiro the performance was a disgraceful failure, due to bitter controversy between the conductor and the musicians. The next night a hostile oroud oreated a near riot. In desperation the management accepted a suggestion that perhaps Tescanini could quiet the mob and conduct the performance. At that time he was nineteen and had never conducted an opera. Nevertheless, from meory, without once opening the scere, he led in the presentation of Aida. The audience simply went wild in acclamation, as audiences continued to do for the next sixty-five years. In the great opera houses of the continents he conducted from memory. The joy he brought to listeners is beyond all measurement.

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Validation of the trueth spoken by Jesus that "whoever loses his life for me and for the good news will preserve it" is found in a recent issue of a popular journal. The good news of God is that the way of sharing leads to abundant life. Human nature being what God made it, self-centeredness is moral and spiritual death, while self-giving is the essence of life itself.

An exposition of this text is contained in an article in

The Readers Digest on "America's Amazing Women." There is

evidence that in this country there are twenty million volunteer

and unpaid women workers in humane causes - churches, welfare

agencies, hospitals, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Junior Leagues,

YWCA. These millions of volunteers serve in a thousand ways

to relive pain, aid the needy, drive away loneliness, counsel

the distressed, provide enjoyment. Many of these women are generous

their financial contributions, but far more redemptive is the

gift of themselves.

Professor Sorokin of Harvard set up a laboratory to

assess the significance of "good neighbors" and found

that volunteers are the salt of American society, that sharing
is a blessing alike to give and receiver, and is "the best

therespectic method for securing peace of mind, meaningful
happiness, real freedom, and creative power for the giver."

Long ago Jesus told his disciples: "Give, and they will give to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, they will pour into your lap. For the measure you use with others they in turn will use with you."

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That the darkest hour may come just before dawn is illustrated in the life of George Frederick Handel. At the age of fifty-six, he announced in despair that his last concert would be given on April 8, 1741. Twenty weeks later within he began composing "The Messiah" and completed it during a month.

Handel was a German who became a naturalized citizen of England. He was born in 1685 and died in 1759. His father was a barber-surgeon who served with various armies. He had nothing but contempt for music, and endeavored to prevent George Frederick from becoming a musician. Secretly the boy practiced. He was such a natural predigy that a prince prevailed upon his father to permit him to study under a master musician.

he are composed more than forty operas. He came to London at the was age of twenty-five, and became naturalised in 1720. During 1937 blow one firme his

In desperation, Handel accepted an invitation to give a series of concerts in Ireland. There he was received with enthusiasm. On April 12, 1742, the first performance of "The Messiah" took place. Wine years later he was stricken with blindness. He expressed a hope that he might die on Good Friday. His wish was fulfilled, and Saturday on Holy he passed into the beyond, leaving behind him an imperishable legacy of glorious music.

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By Kirby Page

You will be aroused to serious thought by these challenging words from Joseph Fort Newton, one of America's great preachers:

"Let us now state the facts starkly, even if they shock and hurt us. Jesus brought beauty and blessing into the world - only blessing - alike for the body and the soul; healing the hurts of life, bearing its woes, casting out its evil spirits; teaching the truth which sets men free from sin and fear and loneliness. He lived in self-spending devotion to His fellows, seeking to set up the reign of God in the hearts and homes of men. Yet as a reward for His life of love, the world put Him to a brutal and shameful death - cruel, ghastly, as if he had been a man of crime...

"Add now the further fact that this thing was deliberately done, at the end of a long, elaborate, studied conspiracy of calumny, attacking His person and His character. The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not; indeed it tried to blot it out. No weapon was left ways him, bribery, perjury, and the most vicious slander, in order to destroy Him as a subversive agitator.

"How could such things be? How could men call good evil, and evil good? Who were so blind that they could not see the Teacher most beautiful thing on earth - a major of genius, young, strong, loving life, giving Himself in sacrificial toil and suffering for those too ignorant to know, too blind to see, too stolid to feel? Who did as unbelievable a thing, and why? Again, we must face the fact - we cannot evade it - they were pious people, the religious leaders of the mation, the church!"

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"For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND

By Kirby Page

There is no fact in the history of the human mind more remarkable than the complete unconsciousness of the importance and the destinies of Christianity, manifested by the Pagan of writers before the accession Constantine. Thus writes a modern historian marthain who goes on to contrast the ample information they have given us concerning the growth of Roman luxury, with their almost absolute silence concerning the growth of Christianity. Hereus Aurelius, perhaps the noblest of the Emperors, has left on record in his Meditations his contempt for the Christian martyrs.

The law of the harvest is full of mystery. Things are not always what they seem. How quickly the empire of Alexander the Great disintegrated and collapsed, and how rapidly the kingdom absolute appeared of the Lord Jesus spread! How the power of Pontius Filate the Roman governor as he sent Jesus to the cross of torture, and how pitifully feeble seemed his victim writhing in anguish.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

amazing because for proceeding there were no church buildings, no professional clergymen, and few members of wealth and proceeding. The good news apread by contagion, from individual to individual, as laymen went about their daily tasks and as they traveled in the course of their business. It was by what we now call personal awangelism that church membership of worship expended so repidly. Services were conducted in homes and were led by laymen. Thus we find Saint Paul writing to the Corinthians:

"... not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong."

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The Bible is a book of Life, but it has been so used as to become a book of Death. On the authority of the eighteenth verse of the twenty-second chapter of Exodus, thousands of women in many lands were tortured and burned at the stake, for it says plainly: "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

for centuries the doctrine of A passage of Scripture was foundation of the divine right of kings, for the thirteenth chapter of Romans begins: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God enthey that tesist shall receive to themselves The right of even the worst tyrants to rule was justified defended on the ground that he was God's agent on the throne. So "subjects are no fit judges of the goodness or badness of a prince; rebelling is not a single sin but I the puddle and sink of all sins against God and man; King and Kaiser and Czar long used this passage in Romans as authority for their that demand demand description their subjects delegate (hay every tax and fight every war they waged.

The fifth chapter of Ephesians was for centuries used as a chain to held wife women in subjection to men, for it says:

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is head of the church, and he is the saviour of the body."

The Bible is a book of Life when it is read as a record of man's understanding of the revelation of God. Every passage immeturity or degree of maturity may be tested for maturity by the mind of Christ. Every chapter should be read with the realization that the character of God has always been as good as Jesus was good when on the cross he prayed for the men who were torturing him.

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A hundred other passages, when remixes the infallible
word of God himself, have been used in defense of torture,
war, slavery and other iniquities.

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In his monumental work, "The History of Primitive Christianity," Johannes Weiss writes: "The early Christians felt themselves to be witnesses and participants in the mighty world-drama, which was moving on toward its climax before their very eyes. The Messiah is for them not merely the King of the Jews, or of the whole world; Mithenes into supjection to Mod; he stands close to them personally, he is their beloved Lord and Master, Of relation of sissipleship is carried on upon a kigher level. From this source was derived the warmth and inwardness, the strongly personal element in the new religion. The boldness and the rejoicing recorded upon every page of the New Testament, are rooted in the feeling that they are servants of a mighty Lord. We shall never grasp the Christ-religion of the primitive church as something genuine and real unless we steadily take into accout the continuing influence of the personality of Jesus, so strong, and so sure of himself. Throughout the opening chapters of the Book of Acts we catch a note of joyful exultation. Unless one can understand this constant mood of victorious. jubilant happiness and confidence, he simply will not understand primitive Christianity. A tempe stuous enthusiasm, an overwhelming intensity of feeling, an immediate awareness of the presence of God, an incomparable sense of power and an irresistible control over the will and inner spirit of the features of historic early Christianity. Jesus' power over their souls was now at last fully realized. This is the personal and moral basis of the overpowering enthusiasm which welled up among them and overflowed like a flood into the spiritual life of mankind."

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the +oda4 world." Are we - really?

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Professor George Foot Moore, in his monumental two-volume work, "Judaism," has this illuminating passage: "The foundation of Judaism is the belief that religion is revealed. Specific commandments had been given to Adam, Noah, Abraham, and Jacob; to Moses the complete revelation was given once for all. The prophets who came after him repeated, explained, emphasized, applied, what was revealed to Moses; they added nothing to it. The rabbinical schools had no theory of the mode of prophetic inspiration; but it was with them an uncontested axiom that every syllable of Scripture had the verity and authority of the word of God. It holdowed the atthe contents of the sected books Were throughout constant and homogeneous. Where were not but her contradictions in them but to hear differences notion of progressive revelation was impossible: the revelation to Moses was complete and final; no other prophet should ever make any innovation in the law. Inspiration being thenceforth a thing of the past, men had the ancient word of God in the Scripture that had come down from former times, a closed body obchooks differing from all others in possessing the quality of inspirations

The ring of authority in the teaching of Jesus came from experience. God was more real to him than any human being could divine be, and day by day he received the revelation. Moreover, he promised his disciples that they also would be guided by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, God has never left himself without a witness, and he will continue speaking to men until the end of eternity.

Dear Louise:

" We suggest the following route:

Saturday - September 10th
Trinidad

Drive to Rushis and spend night there.

Sunday - September 11th

Drive 250 miles to Albuquerque and spend night there. This is a beautiful drive over high mountain pass.

Monday - September 12th

Drive 104x 414 miles to Grand Canyon. This is over a high plateau with little mountain climbing, through Indian country.

Tuesday - September 13th

Drive about 300 miles to Blythe, California. The last 100 miles of this will be desert and hot. You may want to time yourself to reach Blythe about midnight.

Wednesday - September 14th

Drive about 200 miles to La Habra Heights. From Blythe to Indio is desert but not too hot in the morning. Follow US 60 through Riverside to Pomona, and then our map.

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Listen to this cry of distress from St. Paul: "I cannot understand my own actions; I do not agt as I desire to act; on the contrary, I do what I detest... Miserable wretch that I am." Mortal man is part animal and part angel. His animal appetites clamor for actisfaction, while his spirit yearns for holiness. All of us in varying degrees are like the patient with multiple personality, with three sets of experiences, memories and traits of character, identified by the attending physician as Woman, Saint and Devil. Dr. Jekyland Mr. Hyde are among the best known characters of fiction because they represent the experiences of so many readers.

tyranny of our physical appetites, power to translate our highest ideals noblest impulses that Righest ideals into behavior. In the New Testament we find recorded the faith that Christianity is a religion of power, the power of God unto salvation. Jesus knew himself to be the vehicle of irresistible power, and sought to prepare his disciplies to be clean channels through which this power could flow into the lives of others.

We fail to understand St. Paul if we stop with his confession, "Miserable wretch that I am!" He continues: "Who will rescue me from this body of death? God will: Thanks be to him through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

open all our faculties to his guidance and empowering. The requirement is alertness and resolute endeavor. Day by day we must practice the presence of God until we want to do what to the wants us to do above every desire.

By Kirby Page

Abstract ideas about God are inadequate as a basis of reverent worship and devoted service. Christianity is therefore a religion of Incarnation, the Word became flesh and dwelt among men, "reflecting God's bright glory and stamped with God's own character." To say that God is as good as Jesus is to utter an incomplete truth. The love and forgiveness of God are beyond even the spirit of Christ on the cross. The longing of a human father for the return of a prodigal son, the fidelity of the anshepherd in search of a lost sheep - these images are pale reflections of the initiative God takes and the fervor with which he seeks our wellbeing. The Spirit of God "pleads for us with sighs that are beyond words," "grownings which cannot be uttered."

Yet there are those who say that God cannot suffer because of his utter holiness and infinite perfection. Others contend that God does not "need" us any more than the tides or the cosmic forces need human response. Some say that God is the Wholly Other, so the transcendent and far removed as to be beyond contact with human beings.

But the Christian faith is that God is at least personal, more than personal, super-personal. He is alike, thinks and loves and acts. Surely the meaning of the Incarnation is that God loves his children enough to give his most precious gift. The higher the leve, the more ardently it longs for response and the more urgently it "needs" the affectionate comradeship of the beloved. It is the audacious affirmation of our religion that God needs our responsive affection, and requires our help in the completion of his holy purpose. Thus we are called upon to take life seriously.

By Kirby Page

The cure for a sense of futility and a feeling of insecurity the realization that every is found in the cure life is of the utmost importance to God. Say to yourself -"I am the kind of person out of which the Kingdom of God is being I am built, and proceed urgently needed as a co-worker with God and with the living Christ in divine business."

what happened in Corinith in the first century of the Christian era has happened repeatedly; in part other places and successive "For consider, brothers, what happened when God called you were what men call wise, not many of you you. Not many of were influential, not many were of high birth. But it was what the world calls foolish that God chose to put the wise to shame with, and it was what the world calls weak that God chose to shame its strength with, and it was what the world calls low and insignificant and unreal that God chose to nullify its realities.

Blessed is the man who keeps saying to himself - and living as if he believes his own words - "The living God, Creator of numberless celestial bodies and atomic universes, is infinitely more concerned about me than about the sparrow whose fall he observes. He loves me with self-giving affection beyond all human love, and knocks at the door of my individual life, and keeks waiting until from within I open my faculties to him."

Utmost audacity is required to believe this, and utmost effort is demanded to build daily life upon this foundation.

We must subject curselves to continuing stimuli which prompt us to pay attention to God, to utter exclamations of gratitude and penitence many times during the day, to reserve faithfully a daily period of silence and solitude for unhurried exposure of our spirits to the Eternal, terrelated to the Eternal terrelated to the god of doing what God wants us to do.

By Kirby Page

There is a peace of mind which is empowering and overjoying, and there is a peace of mind which is blinding and
paralyzing. Professor Moffatt gives this translation of
Jesus' reminder to his disciples: "And if your very light
turns dark, then - what a darkness it is:"

John Newton was captain of a slave-ship between Africa these journeys on the high seas and the slave-markets. On the distance he experienced such peace of mind that he recorded in his diary that he had never known sweeter hours of communion with God, and twice on Sunday he read the church liturgy with his erew - while packed in the of the shih hold in indescribable squaler were immercial maximum to the squaler were immercial maximum to the same contract to the shift of the shif with hundreds of human beings created in the image of God and precious to him beyond computation. Once the college in Virginia, church attended by students of Union Theological Seminary, individual held enough slaves, which were rented out on salary Christmas day, to pay the sixty of the minister. How deep can darkness be?

And our children's children as they read a history of own our doings will eche, Hew deep can darkness be? When we dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, among the one hundred thousand fatalities were probably twenty thousand babies and children. We year by year we appropriate billions for atomic and hydrogen weapons as an ominous threat of massive retaliation. And in prison death-chambers periodically we resort to the ancient law of eye for eye, life for life, in the execution of criminals. Prebably nine Christians out of Stakes ten in the United worship God in segregated churches.

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"All sunshine makes Sahara," Storms bring rain which nourishes seed in the soil. Jesus did not come to this help men bear earth to give ease and inaction, he came to reconstruct their burdens, share with others, love mercy and walk humbly by helpingsiben to mintain right selections with God and with their God.

with their follows. He promised his disciples that they would experience much joy, the joy of fidelity to the will of God. With equal vigor he promised them much pain, the suffering which flows from faithfulness in a sinful generation.

Read agains these familiar words: "And he began to teach them that it was inevitable that the Son of Man should go through much suffering and be completely repudiated by the elders and Chief Priests and Scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He told them all this quite bluntly. And this made Peter draw him on one side and take him to task about what he had said. But Jesus turned and faced his disciples and rebuked Peter. Out of my say, Satani" he said. Peter, you are not looking at things from God's point of view, but from man's!" Then he called his disciples and the people around him, and said to them, If anyone wants to follow in my footsteps, he must give up all right to himself, take up his cross and follow me." Again, he said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Narrow is the road, and straight the gate that leads to life glorious. What often appears to be follishmess in God's point of view turns out to be the essence of wisdom, and what seems to be weakness in God is found to be the strength we need.

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Long ago Jesus charged his disciples, "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure the lepers, throw out the devils - give, as you have received, without any charge whatever." "Give

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LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND By Kirby Page

Once in a discussion group a minister asked, "What de you do when in the minister act of praying you suddenly realize that you are afraid your prayer may be answered?"

Dread of God, merging into fear and terror is as old as the human race. The ancient Hebrews stood in such awe of the Lord that they dared not utter the name of God. Once they entreated Moses: "You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die... And the people stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick cloud where God was."

Two reasons are responsible for much fear of Gods
distorted ideas as to his character, and a guilty conscience.

Sometimes God has been looked upon as vengeful and ruthless against his enemies, and sometimes he has been regarded as so utterly holy that he could not tolerate sin and was ebliged to destroy the unrepentant. For centuries Christian hymnology has been saturated with the idea that in God's sight man is a worm in the dust. Listen to this sentiment from the lips of Jonathan Edwards the Karting evangelists. The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider, or some leathsome insect, over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked... you are ten thousand times so aboninable in his eyes, as the most hateful and venomous serpent is in ours.

Not so, said Jesus. Ged loves us when we are good and he seeks us when we are lost, he has affection for the elder son at home and for the prodigal with the swine in a far off land. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even our sins, not even death. Our hope is an Hardy grace of God.

By Kirby Page

"White ants pick a carcass cleaner than a lion." And constant anxiety of soul devours human joy and creative power. A feeling of insecurity is disastrous for child and useless man alike, and the sense of being and unwanted is paralyzing to human effort. "Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life."

There is a cure for anxiety and a means of its prevention.

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Be laid hold upon by the realization that God needs your

companionship and God needs your help. The Eternal is
is
our heavenly Father, and his holy purpose the creation of
a community of fellowship. Therefore he craves the return

of his own love for his children, and longs for their comradeship
Say to yourself as co-workers in building the good society. If am needed,
personally, individually, I am needed by the mighty God and
loving Father of all manifests mankind; he cannot be fully
himself without my affection, and never can he complete his
work without my help. God is a lonely Father because love
is always lonely when unrequited. God is unable to accomplish
his full purpose alone and unaided because a father by himself
cannot create a joyous home. Say it again - I am needed of the care.

In the school of prayer and in the school of life, grade by grade, we can advance in comradeship with God. We can practice his presence by watching him at work in nature, in creatures, in human beings, in the life of our Lord, in all things beautiful and true and good. As a mighty oak grows from an acorn, so trust in God must be nurtured day by day and year after year. Pray short prayers frequently, and long prayers regularly. Walk in the light as God gives light, and from manager simple trust flows the peace of God.

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Trust in the Lord with all Thine heart, have faith in God, is the constant plea. Of the Bible. If we weak And sinful mortals know how To give good gifts to our Children, how much more Eagerly is God doing for us Everything that we will Permit him to do by opening The door when he knocks. God is as good as Jesus, Ever groaning over us as Our Lord wept over the city Of Jerusalem, always Suffering when we are in Trouble. God loves us so Much that he gave his Son For our deliverance, and Sends the Holy Spirit to be Our constant guide, and Offers us the continuing er risen Lord. Help is available from God the Father, God in the Son, and God through the Holy Spirit. With

Trust in the Lord with all Thine heart, have faith in God, because of the integrity Of the moral order. If by The help of God we select Good seed, sow them in the Earth, and faithfully market Cultivate them, a good harvest Surely will be reaped, even Though it appears long Delayed. With Robert Browning, we May trust that "all we have willed or heped or dreamed of good shall exist; Nor its semblance, but itself; no beauty, nor good, nor power

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The records make it clear that Jesus' family came to regard him as deranged, out of his mind, "he must be mad;" The scribes and Pharisees said that he was possessed by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

Jesus, the supreme revolation of God, "reflecting
God's bright glory and stamped with God's own character,"

We looked upon as a madman under control of the very devil.'

Human vision can never become more utterly blind than that.

And this was the judgment of his own relatives and of the most devout religious leaders of the day. Soon the mob was yelling, "Release unto us Barabbas" - a patriot who in armed revolt had killed a Roman - and "Crucify Jesus" - who had ealled upon his countrymen to love the Roman invader.

Language of the doctor Patrice and lease and made by Fortuse the Roman governor. Marcus Aurelius was one of the most enlightened and humanitarian of the Roman emperors, yet he sought to exterminate Christianity as an enemy of the empire. The least of the contraction to the rest of the sought to exterminate christianity as an enemy of the empire. The least of the contraction to the contraction of the sought to exterminate

In our time we glory in the faith and fortitude of Jesus and his early disciple. We sing about the faith of our fathers, and only the late editions omit the stanza, "Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and senscience free: How sweet would be their children's fate, if they like them, could die for Thee!"

We are spending billions upon atomic and hydrogen weapons of massive retaliation, we resort to the ancient law of an eye for an eye in dealing with criminals, our society is saturated with selfishness and greed, and to an everwhelming degree our Christian hurches are segregated institutions. Yea verily - "if you very light is darkness, how deep the darkness will be!"

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We are living in age of miracles. Every decade of
human history has been a time of miracles. The Eternal is
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a mighty God and ecutious his marvelous work of creation.

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Miracles abound in the celestial
spaces and in the inner recesses of the atom. More awesome is
the human mind, but miracle of all miracles in the human spirit
with its affection, devotion, fortitude and faith.

Consider the wounded veteran about whom Newton Baker with talked to Burism Harry Emerson Fosdick - a man with both legs gone, one arm gone, both eyes gone, his face terribly mutilated, who was wheeled around the grounds of the hospital in a perambulator, but who still was radient and full of spirit. All the doctors thought that soon would be dead.

But a miracle occurred. We But a miracle occurred. His indomitable determination to live, a vast reservoir of hidden resources upon which he drew, and the devoted love of the nurse who became his wife combined to pull him through. More than that, several years later Johns Hopkins University held a midsemester convocation to bestow upon him the degree of Doctor of Philospher for one of the most brilliant pieces of work ever dome at the University. The ment of this achievement of the human spirit matched by the wonder of his wife's love for such a physical wreck of a man.

The New Testament is a record of marvelous doings in an not only did Jesus herform miracles he age of miracles. Indiantification told his disciples plainly that they would do even greater modes works - because!

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Jesus Saves:

What do these words mean? What is salvation, and how does Jesus ave us?

Salvation is right relationship. We are saved to the degree that we love God with our entire being, love our neighbors that way, and our enemies as well. Love is self-giving concern, and the saved as we throw ourselves away in compassionate fellowship with people. We are lost to the degree that we are leads self-centered. Conversion to salvation when it has a beginning and a continuing. Salvation is a process, and all of us are partly saved and partly lost. So it is when a man loves his wife and hates his competitor, when a Caucasian when a patriot seeks the wellbeing of his own people by killing citizens of another country.

These are the ways in which Jesus saves us:

- 1. By revealing the character of God as he is disclosed nowhere else in the universe; By making plain through his own attitudes and actions and relationships the meaning of the pure grace of God.
- 2. By showing us the way man should live, and setting for us an example to be be followed.
 - 3. By giving us wonderful words of life in his teaching.
- 4. By convicting us of sin, prompting us to make confession and to accept the forgiveness of God.
- 5. By drawing us to himself as he lifted up on the cross of self-sacrifice, and by breaking our hearts over his unmerited suffering.
 - 6. By journeying with us day by day as a living Presence.

A Weekly Column

by Marby Hade

Says an editorial in The Christian Advocate (Methodist): "Kirby Page's column, Living With Peace of Mind, is one of the most vital and helpful bits of writing we have seen in a long, long time."

In the 750 cities and towns in 45 states, it, has been used during the past year in the following ways:

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- 4. As mimeographed insert in church bulletins.
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A SPIRITUAL AFAKENING CRUSAPE

A group here in Southern California proposes twelve weeks of concentrated effort in the churches of the nation to find the will of God and power to do it, beginning on World Communion Sunday, October 3, 1984, and continuing until Christmas Sunday.

Confusion in the minds of Christian people is a primary cause of the crisis which threatens to annihilate a considerable proportion of mankind.

Long ago our Lord pointed out that when our very lights are dark, the darkness will be deep indeed. If we cannot tell the difference between sweet and bitter, between good and evil, our actions are certain to lead to disaster. Flind leaders are now rushing the blind toward the abyse. And the fault is not chiefly with the leaders of governments, but with the religious instruction, or lack of it, given to the people in these past days.

The members of our churches are confused as to the difference between what is right in God's sight and what he knows to be wrong.

They have not been sufficiently instructed in the ways of finding the will of God in specific zakazina situations, and they have not been properly guided in the search for God's power to enable them to do right.

The decisive task before the churches now is the instruction of their members. This is far more important in the immediate future than campaigns to bring in new members, as indispensable as that endeavor remains. The mind of Christ offers us the only hope of changing our disastrous course. He alone is the Light of the world.

Quickly we must learn to think as he thinks, to feel as he feels, and to follow his way wherever he leads us.

The churches must crowd an entire generation of instruction into these few months just ahead if we are to avoid the destruction of our fellows in the fury of our endeavor to defend ourselves and our values.

Massive concentration upon two questions is required: How can we discover what is right in God's sight, and how can we turn on God's power to do it?

Therefore, let the minister gather together in Prayer Retreats on at a time, successive weeks, in groups of 20 to 40, his entire congregation, says on Saturdays from 2 to 9, or on Sundays 2 to 9, for prayer and conversation about the responsibility of being a Christian in this day of confusion, fear and conflict. These Retreats to be led by the minister and several mature members of the congregation.

During these twelve weeks let the minister preach a series of sermons on What is right, and how do we release God's power to do it; let the various agencies of the church concetrate on these two questions, in adult classes, youth classes and fellowships, women's societies, men's clubs, prayer groups; let a special effort be made to enroll individuals in continuing prayer-study groups of five to ten in the church and in homes; let apprepriate literature dealing with these two questions be circulated.

Preparation for the crusade to begin immediately and continue until it opens. Let concerned members go two by two to visit every family in the church, interpreting the crusade and enrolling members in the proposed Prayer Retreats. Let the minister use his intervening

sermons in laying foundations for the crusade. Let every agency of the church enter into this preparatory work.

Ged knows what is right for us in our personal relations and in our corporate affairs. As Weister Bekhart said hundreds of years age, God is ready and we are unready, God is willing and we are unwilling, God is a thousand times more eager to provide guidance than we are ready to follow wherever he leads us. Our minds and spirits must quickly be made ready. The Holy Spirit is yearning to guide us into all truth. The power of God is sufficient for our salvation. The hour has come for massive concetration upon two questions: What is right, and how do we get power to do it?

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LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND

By Kirby Page

The revelation of God in the beauty of nature is not most enough to unveil his character. The satisfying disclosure of the Eternal must take the form of incarnation in human flesh and blood. To those of us whose faith is in a Christlike God and in a Godlike Christ, nature speaks in most resenant tones.

We become overwhelmed with glory and grandeur, and we are enraptured Communion with the Creator of all this and infinitely more awaiting our spiritual growth.

Many of our lives have been enriched by John Muir, that great lover of mountains and streams, lakes and trees. Draw upon your own memory and live over again assemble experiences as you are prompted by these words: Mandale "All the upper branches of the rivers are fairly laden with lakes, like orchard trees with fruit. The whole number in the Sierra can hardly be less than fifteen hundred, not doubting the smaller pools and terms,

The color-beauty during the Indian summer is much richer than one could hope to find in so young and so glacial a wilderness. Almost every leaf is tinted then, and the golden rods are in bloom; but most of the color is given by the ripe grasses, willows, and you aspens. At the foot of the lake stand in a trembling aspen grove, every leaf pointed like a butterfuly, and away to the right and left round the shores sweeps a curving ribbons of meadow, red and brown dotted with pale yellow, shading off here and there into hazy purple. There is a gorgeous mass of orange-yellow belonging to the main belt of the basin, which a glorious mass about thirty feet high, the whole being relieved against the unyielding green of the coniferme, while thick sun-gold is poured over all."

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It was Nicholas Berdyaev who wrote: "The self-assertion of a group is the form of self-assertion from which there is least hope of escape." Long before assus had pointed out the peril of placing love of family above devotion to God and lovalty to the divine was of life. So emphastic were his words that were they were recorded in this form: "If anyone comes to me without 'hating' his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be a disciple of mine. The man who will not take up his cross and follow in my footsteps cannot be my disciple." The meaning of this hyperbole is transparent: nothing, absolutely nothing must be placed above commitment to the will of God, "Not Self, Not farming, Not Marion."

Every Christian husband is under obligation to make a fresh examination, under the eyes of God, of his relations with his wife and children. If he discovers that his concern for their wellbeing is causing him to conform to social customs and economic practices which he knows to be contrary to the will of God, he must, in a mood of humble contrition, seek God's forgiveness, and fervently implore guidance as to actions and relations which will be pleasing to the services.

Many are the temptations of a Christian patriot to put concern for his nation above commitment to God. The demand of nationalism is that, in times of great peril, the citizen must do "whatever is necessary." When on a military mission, the patriot is called upon to deceive, to lie, to steal, to kill, even to engage in mass slaughter. When done in the cause of patriotism, do these acts become right in the sight of God?

Aprial 24, 1954.

Dear Friends:

This letter is being sent to the following persons:

Gene Bartlett, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles
Helen Beardsley, Congregationalist
Russell Clay, First Methodist Church, Whittier
Olivia Davis, Society of Friends
Wesley Ford, Central Christian Church, Pasadena
Allan Hunter, Mt. Hellywood Congregational Church
Ray Ragsdale, Westwood Methodist Church, Los Angeles
Fred Trotter, First Methodist Church, Alhambra

My suggestion is the the nine of us, plus a Presbyterian and an Episoopalian to be selected, collaborate on a 96-page pamphlet and publish it collectively, under some such title as: THE WILL OF GOD - How Do We Find It and Get Power To Do It? If this idea commends itself to you, the group should get together for an all-day examination of the possibilities and for the division of responsibility for rough drafts of various sections, to be fillowed by individual consideration of these draft proposals, and a further all-day conversation, after which an editing committee of three should prepare the manuscript for publication.

If we could do this work with sufficient thoroughness, there would be a great advantage in having the pamphlet off the press by early September. This would mean sending the manuscript to the printer at the end of July.

If we decide to proceed, in the meantime each of us could give serious thought to the type of pamphlet would be most helpful, and be prepared for the discussion at the first meeting.

Cordially,

Please tear eff and mail - after checking each line

Friday, May 28
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By Kirby Page

At the end of the eighteenth century when Europe should with terror over the excesses of the French revolution, Edmund Burke the British statesman wrotes "The moral state of mankind fills me with dismay and horrors. The abyss of Hell itself seems to yawn before me. I must act, think and feel according to the exigencies of this tremendous reason. It is not permitted that we should trifle with our existence."

His reasoning is sound, the more unitary the situation, the more This is no time for trifling.

serious must be our lives. We also are living in a Time of Troubles.

Men who have reached three score years have fought two world wars and participated in violent revolutions in many lands. Medical of Manager has different and exact transplant beyond the redord of the totalitariantem of our time. Across the face of the earth, suspicion and fear and enmity prevail, The nations are armed with weapons of annihilation.

The perspective of history is sorely needed in our time. We are no more frightened by communism than the Edmund Burke and his class herror were terrified by the revolution across the channel. Tales of there in France were not inventions of British tories. They were actual and revolting. But the law of the harvest operates inexorably not only do evil seed bring forth an evil harvest, good seed yield a good harvest. The seed of liberty, equality and fraternity were good seed and plenteous has been their yield. Much indeed do all of us owe to the French Revolution.

Evil seed are now being sown in profusion, and so are good seed.

It is God's law of the harvest that wheat and tares shall grow together.

In such a day as this, no fellower of Christ has a right to live

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By Kirby Page

Serenity and compassion were blended to perfection in
the life of John Woolman the Quaker. More than any other
individual he was responsible for the repudiation of slave
among Quakers
owning seventy-five years before the Civil War. To persuasion
he added the practice of refusing to man clothing which had been
colored with dyes made by slave labor.

In an effort to arouse his fellow Quakers in England to in 1772 the evils of slavery, John Woolman sailed for London in the Mestage of a thip of 180 tone. Thirty fine days later, he went directly from the ship to the Yearly Meeting of Friends, made up of some of the richest and most influential men of London. He walked confidently to the Clerk's table and laid the his credentials. down win certificate which had been provided by his own meeting. The dignified members were shocked and stunned by what they saw: Since due came from 5/2ve /2601- Woolman special to work a saw for he was his done accust and garbo white hat, a @ coarse raw lined shirt without anything about the nect, coat, waistcoat and breeches of white coarse cloth with wool buttons, his coat without ouffs, white yarn stockings, and shoes of uncured leather with bands instead of buckles - so that he was all white; And less than hour min before he had emerged from steerage after a long ocean voyage. He took his seat in a vacant place. After an embarrassing pause, the presiding officer rose and expressed the feeling of the meeting, that stranger might consider that his dedication of himself to his proposed visitations in England was accepted, and that he might feel free to return in After this homelisting discourtesy, at once to his me home. Woolman sat with his face covered, and then arose and said that he did not feel himself excused from his mission and would be grateful if employment could be provided so that he could earn his daily bread. Then a long, long peried Woolman of living silence. Then the stranger again arose, with sorone

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Mysterious beyond all comprehension is the impact of human song upon the spirit of man. Enter into this experience, as narrated by Leslie D. Weatherhead:

The scene is the Queen's Hall, London. A cultured audience has gathered to listen to a concert. One of the numbers is a song by a young girl whose name is unknown. Objection personation with the teralogs present the tertification care realist the bear prestined long. After deafening applause, she sings the same song again. The audience demands more. She goes on to the platform, Description to the platform, salain. In perfect stillness we begins: "There is a green hill far away, without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us allo" Sings it to Gounod's glorious setting. The effect is electrical. It is a long time since many of those who listen have heard any religious message, and a very long time indeed since they have heard the word of the Cross. The beautiful voice goes on: "We May not know, we cannot tell, what painds he had to bear, but we believe it was for He hung and suffered there." The silence becomes almost tangible. The tension is almost more than people can bear, and still the voice goes on: "There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; He only could unlock the gate of Heaven, and let us in." There are not many dry eyes. Many grip the seats in front of them, their knuckles white with intensity, their faces strained by the depth of their emotion. The young voice travels on: "O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust his redeeming blood, and try his works to do." The soloist forgets to bow. There is no applause - only a great silence.

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Our faith is undergirded by the character of God. He cannot be less loving than the pursuing affection of Jesus. His concern cannot be milder than the self-emptying passion of our

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concern cannot be milder than the self-emptying passion of our Lord. His yearning for man's redemption cannot be less embracing Christ's than the inclusiveness of forgiving prayer on the cross.

And a Creator with sufficient power to sustain the spheres and to fashion which universes, and who insures the conservation of matter and energy, cannot be stricken with impotence at the grave of a beloved child when in his own image. It is not his leving will that a single one of the little ones should perish.

The entire superstructure of true Christianity rests upon the granite foundation of the sheer goodness and utter integrity the Eternal, of as revealed in our Lord Jesus, and no idea is more strongly supported by the character than faith in endless fellowship in the ages to come.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God, absolutely nothing - keep continued not even death. "No, in all these things we win an overwhelming victory through Him Who has proved His love for us." "Thanks be to God Who leads us, wherever we are, on His own triumphant way and makes our knowledge of Him to spread throughout the world like a lovely perfume!"

deepen the joy of the comradeship with our Living Lord. Reveal thou to us the second of eternity by enabling us to walk humbly with thee in warm fellowship with our brethren. Amen.

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Marvelous beyond comprehension is the impact of one person upon other individuals, upon society and upon history. Consider the case of Susanna Wesley. Every Englishman is indebted to her because her sen John swerved Britain into new channels, and her sen Charles taught the Christian church to sing and endowed it with hymna which remain our priceless treasure. Every Methodist exound the globe is indebted to Susanna, and every come person ever who came under the transforming influence of some Methodist. And there are some ten million Methodists:

Susanna was the twenty-fifth child of Dr. Samuel Annesley, himself a great man. He was a cousin of the Earl of Angelesy and moved in the highest circles. Susanna was pretty and retained her beauty even after she had berne nineteen children. At twenty she married the Reverend Samuel Wesley. The rectory at Epworth was a three-story wreck of a house. Mr. Wesley married for three months when John was a baby. When Metantics the rectory it was burned, the for a moment marginary thought that John has perished.

Susanna Wesley took all this in her stride and to an amazing degree was unruffled and in command of the situation. Sharksaght harvahildren conservation with the situation of the situation. Sharksaght harvahildren conservation with the situation of the situation. Sharksaght harvahildren conservation with the same of the situation of a large family - imagine the number of times she changed dispers for mineteen babies - she taught the family school, and carried heavy or responsibility in the church parish. For twenty years she conducted to the characteristic school six hours daily. And she lived to be seventy-four; Only God knows how much of what the Wesleys contributed to mankind was poured into them by their mother Susanna.

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Juvenile crime is increasing and constitutes one of our officeral most ominous problems. Sometimes revolting spines are committed by boys and girls from respectable homes, often to the complete surprise of parents who had lost intimate contact with their children. When questioned these young criminals eften reveal a feeling of lemeliness and seem to have no sense of responsibility, except to their own gang. To this group they give their loyalty and for it they will lie or steal or kill. That is the way it is with human beings, all of us seek escape from loneliness and us all of have a craving for something to which we can give ourselves.

Deep are the rewources of religion upon which we can draw as we confront the dual problem of juvenile delinquency and a momentous truth parental delinquency. Reflect upon theretarius which we Christians accept. We need Ged and God needs us. The good the Eternal society cannot be built by and alone or by unaided human our Father's A effort. The divine purpose is the establishment of his home of SIN CE leve, and only free individuals can love com Ged never treats us as puppets or mechanical instruments. Asterbilde, God needs humsh affection and response to his appeals, and he mede help in God is love and love is always a dompidting his jurgose. two-way relationship. Thus our Fathenneeds human affection and requires human help - feeding hungry children, in teaching the ignorant, in providing for daily human needs, in maintaining quad Saciety proper human relationships, in building the described community. transportation and God longs for our companionship and requires our help in completing his work. So we are called upon to seek first the Kingdom of God and his loneliness and righteousness. Here is the oure for irresponsibility: Work with God and people in building the beloved community.

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"It is fire that I have come to bring upon the earth how I wish it were already ablaze!" Econcile this exclamation of Jesus with his invitation: "Come to me all who
labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The answer is to be found in an understanding of the nature of the peace of mind promised by our Lord. He did not offer a dose of aspirin with which to quiet a sick headache, nor did he suggest a sleeping potion in order to get your mind off your troubles. His proposal was not that a man keep saying to himself, "Every day in every way, I am getting better and better, and he saw no panacea in positive affirmation as a cure for the cancerous growth of sin.

Peace of mind comes when you are aflame, on fire with the love of God, burning with compassion and lovingkindness. Jesus came that we might have life, and the meaning of life is found in relationship; in reverent adoration and complete obedience to God, in reconciliation and fellowship with people. The peace of God which passes all understanding is a fusion of commitment and zeal, endeavor and expectation, companionship and trust; it is the ripe fruitage of habitually throwing life away in a ministry of mercy, with eager desire to do God's will. Fire beings rest unto your soul.

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within...

Let us have a real warm affection for one another as between brothers... Let us keep the fires of the spirit burning, as we do our work for God."

By Kirby Page

Once in a discussion group a minister asked, "What do you do when in the act of praying you suddenly realize that will you are afraid your prayer be answered?" Dread of God, merging into fear and terror is as old as the human race.

The ancient Hebrews stood in such awe of the Lord that they dared not utter the name of God. Once they entreated Moses:
"You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die... And the people stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick cloud where God was."

Two reasons are responsible for much fear of God:
distorted ideas as to his character, and a guilty conscience.

Sometimes God has been looked upon as vergeful and ruthless against his enemies, and sometimes he has been regarded as so utterly holy that he could not tolerate sin and was obliged to destroy the unrepentant. For centuries Christian hymnology has been saturated with the idea that in God's sight man is a worm in the dust. Listen to this sentiment from the lips of Jonathan Edwards the evangelist: "The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect, over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked... you are ten thousand times so abominable in his eyes, as the most hateful and venomous serpent is in ours."

Not so, said Jesus. God loves us when we are good and he seeks us when we are lost, he has affection for the elder son at home and for the prodigal with the swine in a far off land. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even our sins, not even death. Our hope is in the grace of God.

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DEEPENING TRUST IN GOD GOD

By Kirby Page

Trust in the Lord with all Thine heart, have faith in God, is the constant plea Of the Bible. If we weak And sinful mortals know how To give good gifts to our Children, how much more Eagerly is God doing for us Everything that we will Permit him to do by opening The door when he knocks. God is as good as Jesus, Ever groaning over us as Our Lord wept over the People of Jerusalem, always Suffering when we are in Trouble. God loves us so Much that he gave his Son For our deliverance, and Sends the Holy Spirit to be Our constant guide, and Offers us the continuing Presence of the risen Lord. Help is available from God the Father, God in the Son, and God through the Holy Spirit. With Saint Paul, we can do all things Needful with God's aid.

If we are to claim our rich Heritage, we must pay Attention to God, turn to Him many times a day, and Set aside a daily period of Time exposure of our soul To his loving solicitude. Blessed is the man who Regularly worships with the Congregation in the holy Sanctuary, is warmed by Fellowship and inspired by The reading from Holy Writ And the promptings of the Sermon. Because the Lord Is to be found where two or Three gather gather in his Name, it is imperative that An individual find a sharing Group where he may enter Into fellowship of thought And prayer and preparation For action. It takes time To be holy. We must speak Often with our Lord. Trust In God is the ripe fruitage Of sustained prayer and Continuing effort to de What he wants us to do.

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The sense of touch in the human hand is a miraculous gift from God. Its sensitivity may be heightened to the degree that it becomes the mind's chief source of information of the outer world. Consider the experience of Helen Keller, who has been blind and deaf since she was nineteen months of age. With infinite patience, her teacher Anne Sullivan taught her the meaning of words as they were spelled into her hand, taught her to understand words by placing her fingers gently on lips, and to read raised letters. In these three ways Miss Keller acquired the learning which enabled her to be graduated from college, to read also French and German, to roam through the literature of the ages, and to become a highly cultured person. Such an experience prompts us to exclaim, with Helen Frzee-Bower:

"God pity eyes that have not To ears that hear and seen the dawn,

Twilight, or shadow, or a wind-blown tree,

But pity more the eyes that look upon

All loveliness, and yet can never see;

God pity ears that have not caught the notes

Of wind or wave, of violin or bird,

But pity more that, daily, music floats

yet have never heard.

God pity hearts that have not known the gift

Of love requited, comfort and caress,

But, O God, pity more the hearts that drift

From love's high moment to forgetfulness.

This is the tragedy of common sense:

To dim all wonder by indifference."

SELF-CENTERED BLINDIESS

WATER PLACE OF MIND

By Kirby Page

sullicate . The records make it clear that Jesus' family came to regard him as deranged, out of his mind, "he must be mad!" The scribes and Pharisees said that he was possessed by Beelzebub the prince of devils.

> Jesus, the Son of God, "reflecting God's bright glory and stamped with God's own character," - looked upon as a madman under control of the very devil! Human vision can never become more utterly blind than that. And this was the judgment of his own relatives and of the most devout religious leaders of the day. Soon the mob was yelling, "Release unto us Barabbas" - a patriot who in armed revolt had killed a Roman - and "Crucify Jesus" - who had called upon his countrymen to love the Roman invader. Marcus Aurelius was one of the most enlightened and humanitarian of the Roman emperors, yet he sought to exterminate Christianity as an enemy of the empire.

> In our time we glory in the faith and fortitude of faithment Jesus and his early disciples. We sing about the faith of our fathers, and only the late editions omit the stanza, "Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free: How sweet would be their children's fate, if they like them, could die for Thee!"

> Yet we were first to drop an atomic bomb on a crowded city, we are spending billions upon atomic and hydrogen weapons of massive retaliation, we resort to the ancient law of an eye for an eye in dealing with driminals, our society is saturated with selfishness and greed, and to a substantial degree our Christian churches are segregated institutions. Yea verily - "if your very light is darkness, how deep the darkness will be!"

By Kirby Page

"White ants pick a carcass cleaner than a lion." And constant anxiety of soul devours human joy and creative power. A feeling of insecurity is disastrous for child and man alike, and the sense of being useless and unwanted is paralyzing to human effort. "Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life."

There is a cure for anxiety and a means of its prevention.

Be laid hold upon by the two-fold realization that God needs
your companionship and God needs your help. The Eternal is
our heavenly Father, and his holy purpose is the creation of
a community of fellowship. Therefore he craves the return of
his own love for his children, and longs for their comradeship
as co-workers in building the good society. Say to yourself "I am needed, personally, individually, I am needed by the
mighty God and loving Father of all mankind; he cannot be fully
himself without my affection, and never can he complete his work
without my help." God is a lonely Father because love is always
lonely when unrequited. God is unable to accomplish his full
purpose alone and unaided because a father by himself cannot
create a joyous home. Say it again - "I am needed, I really ama"

In the school of prayer and in the school of life, grade by grade, we can advance in comradeship with God. We can practice his presence by watching him at work in nature, in creatures, in human beings, in the life of our Lord, in all things beautiful and true and good. As a mighty oak grows from an acorn, so trust in God must be nurtured day by day and year after year. Pray short prayers frequently, and long prayers regularly. Walk in the light as God give light, and from simple trust will flow the peace of God.

By Kirby Page

Abstract ideas about God are inadequate as a basis of reverent worship and devoted service. Christianity is therefore a religion of Incarnation, the Word became flesh and dwelt among men, "reflecting God's bright glory and stamped with God's own character." To say that God is as good as Jesus is to utter an incomplete truth. The love and forgiveness of God are beyond even the spirit of Christ on the cross. The longing of a human father for the return of a prodigal son, the fidelity of a shepherd in search of a lost sheep - these images are pale reflections of the initiative God takes and the fervor with which he seeks our wellbeing. The Spirit of God "pleads for us with sighs that are beyond words," "groanings which cannot be uttered."

Yet there are those who say that God cannot suffer because of his utter holiness and infinite perfection. Some say that God is the Wholly Other, so transcendent and far removed as to be beyond contact with human beings. Others contend that God does not "need" us any more than the tides or the cosmic forces need human response.

But the Christian faith is that God is least personal, more than personal, super-personal. He is alive, thinks and loves and acts. Surely the meaning of the Incarnation is that God loves his children enough to give his most precious gift.

The higher the love, the more ardently it longs for response and the more urgently it "needs" the affectionate comradeship of the beloved. It is the audacious affirmation of our religion that God needs our responsive affection, and requires our help in the completion of his holy purpose. Thus we are called upon to take life seriously.

By Kirby Page

Those of us who the peace of God which passes understanding will do well to reflect upon the meaning of these words from Dean Inge: "A generation which wishes for a religion

without tears must find it difficult to adjust its beliefs to the teaching of the New Testament and to the facts of life."

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The great characters of the Bible were men of sorrows and acquainted with grief. The pinnacle passage of the Old Testament is about the suffering servant who brings redemption to the guilty. The heart of the New Testament is the Cross of Christ, and the Holy Spirit of God groans over us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Yet the Gospel of Christ is Good News, and the note of triumph resounds from Matthew to Revelation. The joy of our Lord and the peace of God are assured to true disciples.

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to suffer when the beloved is in anguish. The reasons

spiritually, the more we grieve over our weaknesses and sins.

As we climb higher and higher above the status que and refuse
to conform to the standards and practices of this world, we
encounter suspicion, fear and opposition.

The peace of God is deep water, it is the calm at the center of the cyclone, it is serenity in the midst of activity, it joy while in pain. Many of the troubles of Christians and much of their happiness come from the same source - from fidelity to our Lord and companionship with him in journeying the way of the cross. Pray not for the ease of stagnation, but the exhibitantion of loyalty to the will of God.

By Kirby Page

The revelation of God in the beauty of nature is not sufficient to unveil his character. The most satisfying disclosure of the Eternal must take the form of incarnation in human flesh and blood. To those of us whose faith is in a Christlike God and in a Godlike Christ, nature speaks in most resonant tones. We become overwhelmed with glory and grandeur, and we are enraptured by communion with the Christlike Creator of all this and infinitely more awaiting our spiritual growth.

Many of our lives have been enriched by John Muir, that great lover of mountains and streams, lakes and trees. Draw upon your own memory and live over again radiant experiences as you are prompted: "All the upper branches of the rivers are fairly laden with lakes, like orchard trees with fruit. The whole number in the Sierra can hardly be less than fifteen hundred. The color-beauty during the Indian summer is much richer than one could hope to find in so young and so glacial a wilderness. Almost every leaf is tinted then, and the golden rods are in bloom; but most of the color is given by the ripe grasses, willows, and aspens. At the foot of the lake you stand in a trembling aspen grove, every leaf pointed like a butterfly, and away to the right and left round the shores sweeps a curving ribbon of meadow, and red and brown dotted with pale yellow, shading off here and there into hazy purple. There is a gorgeous was bank of orange-yellow, a glorious mass about thirty feet high, the whole being relieved against the unyielding green of the coniferae, while thick sun-gold is poured over all."

ANOTE OF JOYFUL EXULTATION

By Kirby Page

In his monumental work, "The History of Primitive Christianity,"

Johannes Weiss writes: "The early Christians felt themselves to

be witnesses and participants in the mighty world-drama, which was

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moving on toward its climax before the very eyes. The Messiah is

Jews,

for them not merely the King of the cons, or of the whole world;

he stands close to them personally, he is their beloved Lord and

Master. From this source was derived the warmth and inwardness, the

strongly personal element in the new religion.

"The boldness and the rejoicing recorded upon every page of the New Testament, are rooted in the feeling that they are servants of a mighty Lord. We shall never grasp the Christ-religion of the primitive church as something genuine and real unless we steadily take into account the continuing influence of the personality of Jesus, so strong, and so sure of himself. Throughout the opening chapters of the Book of Acts we catch a note of joyful exultation. Unless one can understand this constant mood of victorious, jubilant happiness and confidence, he simply will not understand primitive Christianity. A tempestuous enthusiasm, an overwhelming intensity of the feeling, an immediate awareness of the presence of God, an incomparable sense of power and an irresistible control over the will and inner spirit - these are ineradicable features of historic early Christianity. Jesus' power over their souls was now at last fully realized. This is the personal and moral basis of the overpowing enthusiasm which welled up among them and overflowed like a flood into the spiritual life of mankind."

"You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." Are we today - really?

THE CREATOR OF ALL MARVELS

MOVES THE PRACE OF MIND

By Kirby Page

The Grand Canyon of the Colorado can teach us many things about the workings of God's processes - the power of repetition, the force of continuity, the significance of time.

The gorge is a mile deep, averages eleven to thirteen miles in width, and is 217 miles in length. Elegant language can scarcely say more than the exclamation of Theodore Roosevelt: "Golly what a gully!"

The explanation of scientists is that the Canyon was dug by the ceaseless power of running water, the blasting force of terrific wind, expanding and contracting effects of heat and frost and rain, the disintegrating results of chemical action set in operation by countless plants and shrubs and trees, and the pull of gravity. We are told that the cutting of the gorge must have taken seven to nine million years, and before that were the geological ages required in the alternating process of upheaval and submergence under the sea.

hundred feet wide and moving with great process, carrying

vast amounts of silt, rocks and boulders - and yet the estimate

is that the Canyon is being deepened at the rate of only

fraction of an inch per year! The walls of the Canyon are

stained with minerals and minerals salts, and the total painting

baffles description and must be experienced to be believed.

The Creator of all the marvels of the universe is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, notes the fall of every sparrow, who has numbered the hairs on the head of every person, and who yearns to lead us into abundant life.

Jut human freedom must be used in ways that provide God with opportunity.

By Kirby Page

One of the oldest of human questions is, What shall I do with my enemy? Three answers in the Bible reflect stages of spiritual insight: take vengeance against him seventy times seven, render justice and restrict retaliation to one eye for one eye, love him with self-giving concern.

Jesus' reason for calling upon his disciples to leve their enemies, "se that you may show yourselves true sons of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on bad and good alike, and makes the main fall on the upright and the wrengdoor."

Love is the greatest thing in the world because it is the very nature of God. It is more than a sentiment or an emotion, it is a relationship. God continues to love us even while he beholds in us many attitudes and actions which he does not like. Love in the New Testament is not the same as physical love or family affection. It is concern for the wellbeing of an enemy, an ardent desire that his life may be filled with wisdom, rightecusness and joy. It is yearning that he may become everything that God wants him to be, that he also may be a true son of our Father. It is more than aspiration, it is commitment and effort expended in his behalf. Its fullest expression is seen in the Way of the Cross, where innocence suffers at the hands of the guilty and prays for the forgiveness of the wrongdoer. Little wonder then that the New Testament insists that when a man is in Christ he is a new creature.

HOW DOES JESUS SAVE US?

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By Kirby Page

From the neon sign on many a church blaze these words:

Jesus Saves: What does this mean? What is salvation, and
how does Jesus save us?

Salvation is right relationship. We are saved to the degree that we love God with our entire being, love our neighbors that way, and our enemies as well. Love is self-giving concern, and we are saved as we worship God and throw ourselves away in compassionate fellowship with people. We are lost to the degree that we are self-centered. Conversion leads to salvation when it has a beginning and a continuing. Salvation is a process, and all of us are partyly saved and partly lost. So it is when a man loves his wife and hates his competitor, when a Caucasian upholds white superiority and segregates Negroes, when a patriot seeks the wellbeing of his own people by killing citizens of another country.

Some of These are the ways in which Jesus saves us:

- 1. By revealing the character of God as he is disclosed nowhere else in the universe; by making plain through his own attitudes and actions and relationships the meaning of the pure grace of God.
- 2. By showing us the way we should live, and setting for us an example to be followed.
 - 3. By giving us wonderful words of life in his teaching.
- 4. By convicting us of sin, prompting us to make confession and to accept the forgiveness of God.
- 5. By drawing us to himself as he is lifted up on the cross of self-sacrifice, and by breaking our hearts over his unmerited suffering.
 - 6. By journeying with us day by day as a living Presence.

By Kirby Page

Human agination alone can travel faster than the velocity of light. Yet 800,000 light-years are required for a ray to traverse the distance from the Great Nebula of Andromeda to our eyes.

An exercise in imagination has been devised by Robert H. Baker, who suggests that just for fun we multiply the velocity of light by one million - yes, multiply by one million - and hurl ourselves toward the Great Nebula. "We pass by the moon in almost no time at all. In a fiftieth of a second we are whizzing past Pluto, that most distant of all planets. unfflextoness-remain extended-arm or continues the colours of the In another two minutes we are as far away as our nearest star, and in the contract of the Zwenty minutes more take us to Arcturus. For ten hours we speed along through the star cloud to which our sun belongs. Figure of the bland of the blands of the After two weeks among these clouds we finally pass beyond them - beyond the Milky Way itself. For two weeks more we encounter now and then great balls of suns of surprising grandeur. And at a rate 🌑 one million times as fast as light travels, it will take nine months longer to reach the Andromeda, through the empty space that intervenes."

Dizzy? Truly our Creator is a great God, wise and powerful and dependable beyond all human comprehension. And the chief product of his loving skill is the spirit of man, made in the likeness of his own nature, endowed with freedom of choice, and trusted by the Almighty with the use of all his faculties. How deep the tragedy when as a prodigal man forsakes his Father's companionship. How high the glory when he becomes possessed by dominant desire to do his Father's will.

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THE MARKS OF A SAINT

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Paul the apostle, in his letters, often used such a greeting: "To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints."

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Passage from "The S. S. Fellowship of the Saints," a huge volume by Thomas & Kepler, will prompt self-examination:

"The saints as the 'saving remnant' of our era are not necessarily geniuses; rather they are ordinary men and women with spiritual capacities whose divine spark has been farmed into its highest purpose. The life of each Christian saint is conditioned in the following ten ways: 1. His life is saturated with an intense fove of the Christian religion as a way of adjusting himself to himself, to his fellow men, to God. He is a 'religion-intoxicated' person! 2. He lives with a joyous. radiant, lighthearted freedom, because his life is totally dependent on God. 3. He emulates Christ in everything he does. Each day at dawn he offers a prayer: 'May the image of Christ radiate through me this day.' 4. He freely opens his life to God's redemptive, free-giving love - and as the recipient of God's agape, he desires to help the needy, the lost, the unfortunate, the unhappy. 5. Christianity for him is a practical way of living with individuals in an unchristian society. 6. He believes that the Kingdom of God can come into history. But it must continue in him as it began in Christ. 7. He has a continuous humility. 8. He loos wistfully into the eyes of every person demanda and a company as a brother in whom lie the potentialities of a Christian saint. 9. He knows how to alternate between worship and social activity. 10. He is, in the words of a child who loved cathedral windows, 'a man the light shines through."

Helping us to conquer difficulties and to climb over obstacles is God's way of achieving maturity of character.

Ease of living and sloth of endeavor result in flabbiness.

Constant practice is the price exacted for utmost skill, even for a genius in music or art or science. Steady growth toward the likeness of Christ requires seriousness of effort.

And so, in the fresh translation of Phillips, we read the challenge of our Lord: "Go in by the narrow gate. For the wide gate; has a broad road which leads to disaster and there are many people going that way. The narrow gate and the hard road lead out into life and only a few find it." In the letter of James we read: "When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives, my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends: Realise that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character with the right sort of independence."

In the Letter to Rome, we heard Saint Paul pleading: "With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg of you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him and acceptable by Him.

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the Plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity."

Keep on seeking, continue knocking at the door, and with God's aid, you will find your way into life indeed.

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Bertrand Russell and realize how it breathes with faith in automatic creation rather than in God the Greators RRS4

Consider the faith required to believe that the fidelity of
Socrates to truth, even though it cost him death by drinking the "
cup of hemlock, expering no more than "accidental collocations of
atoms." Try to account for the blitheness and radiance of Saint
Frances as resting upon "the firm foundation of unyielding despair." Read again the twenty-third Psalm, the Sermont on
the Mount, the thirteenth chapter of First Corintians and try to believe that on atheism alone "can the soul's habitation henceforth be safely built." Try and do it, and you will find
the effort more stupendous then to the simple in the God and
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"With a great price, obtained I this freedom,"

exclaimed a Roman judge to Saint Paul. And every privilege
we enjoy has cost somebody something. We live in a moral
universe where there is an inexorable law of the harvest.

Reaping always comes from sowing, but no solitary figure
ever brought in the harvest. We reap together, as we sow
together. Life is corporate. We are bound together, cannot

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live in seclusion and do not in isolation. Our virtues
and our sins alike flow into the lives of others.

There is a yet more significant aspect to the corporate nature of life. What God does influences us, and what we de brings joy or grief to the heart of the Eternal. The record of human doings is full of parental exultation over the glorious achievements of sons and daughters, and likewise full of paternal anguish and raternal agony over the pain and shame of their children. And so it is with God. There is joy in heaven and there is much suffering in the soul of our Father.

Because God is love, pure untarnished love, he is bound tightly to every sufferer. He is the vine and we are the branches. The stuff of life flows from him into us, and back into his heart. When we sin, he grieves; when we are stricken, his heart throbs in affection. God suffered with Jesus on the cross, and he enters into every human experience of bliss and degradation. Therefore, rise, shine, and give God glory:

By Kirby Page

Beauty is food for the soul Of man and as essential to Spiritual growth as bread And potatoes and carrots are To Aysical health. Thus the Wise man takes pains to feed His emotions, to give them a Balanced diet of loveliness. He is alert to fleeting Glimpses of speendowr, and Goes to special places for A meal of glory just as he Stops at a restarant at Noontime. And for dessert He takes a generous portion Of silence and thanksgiving To the Creator of all Beauty. Let these words Of William Alexander Percy Strengthen determination To take proper spiritual Nourishment: "Lovely is daytime when the joyful sun goes singing, Lovely is night with stars and round of sickled moon, Lovely are trees, forever lovely, whether in winter

Or musical midsummer when they bud and tassel, Or crown themselves with stormy splendors in the fall. But lovelier than day or night or trees in blossom. Is there no secret infinite loveliness behind? Beautiful is water, running on rocks in mountains, Or bosoming sunset where they valley rivers ponder; Beautiful is ocean with its myriad colors, In southern blues and purples, its arctic gray and silver, Blown into green frostfretted or wine-dark in the evening. But still more beautiful than waters calm or cloven. Than ocean thunder-maned or floored for delicate springtime,

Is there no beauty save to

our eyes?"

By Kirby Page

An enriching spiritual experience will be entered into as we pray with Marcus Dods, an eminent British theologian and pracher:

"O Lord, Thou hast said that, if we confess our sins,
Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Help us, therefore now
to confess sincerely and utterly as those who expect pardon,
and not punishment.

"We acknowledge that we have lived as if we had no God, believing little, expecting little, loving little, obeying little. Especially we have not believed that our nature would be changed; have believed often that we have been born, so we must remain; have become resigned to our sins, instead of hopefully striving against them/ much constant Thy will have been known to us, and we have seen every reason for doing it, and have been offered sufficient help for its performance, and yet we have sinned. Thou hast never ceased to deal tenderly with us, hast shown us evidently the great evil and folly of forsaking Thee, and yet we have sinned. Our own desires have led us. The most passing impulse, the merest habit has been powerful enough to overcome our inclination to serve Thee. We have suffered other persons and things to usurp the place due to thee alone; and have let them regulate our conduct, sometimes against Thy will, often at least in competition with Thy will.

"Help us, 0 God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name. Deliver us, and purge away our sins for Thy name's sake. Establish between our souls and Christ a fuller confidence. May we know more of His power to save from sin."

THE SPIRIT OF MAN IS PLAYED UPON

THE PEACE OF MIND

By Kirby Page

The spirit of man is played
Upon by lovely song from
Human voice, from mountain
Stream, from gentle breeze
In tall trees, and from
Feathered creatures. Thus
We are strangely moved as
We share this experience:
"I stood tonight at
twilight's holy hour,
And heard the thrushes
sing,

Which

As from some far, secluded convent tower

The Angelus might ring.

Dropping in silver tones

like a summer rain.

Those thirsty souls to

bless

Whose lives are spent in endless toil and pain, Or illness and distress - So falls the songs! Each liquid cadence rare

In time and rhythm true! Cool, tranquil, calm, unhurried as a prayer, And crystal clear as dew! Deep, deep! Sounding the very depths of life

In revential mood;
Then higher rising, throbs
with meaning rife,
Far through the dark'ning
wood.

Wood.

Higher, and yet again, the strain is heard.

Until the heart is thrilled

With mysteries unsolved,

and hopes deferred,

And longings unfulfilled:

Now that deep opening strain

is heard once more,

Bringing its blessed peace:

The sunset light is fading,

day is o'er,

And soon the song will

cease:

Yet in my heart, those tones
so wondrous sweet, That song of beauty
rare, -

The night shall echo; and

my dream repeat

That softly uttered prayer; "

(Winifred Holoway Palmer).

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The entrancing spell of

Music is nothing less

Than holy worship.

"O, give me music in the

twilight hour:

Then, skilled Musician:

thou of the magic power.

Summon the souls of the

masters long since gone

Who through thine art live

on:

As the day dies I would

once more respire

The passion of that spirit

whose keen fire

Flashes and flames in .

yearning and unrest

And never-end quest...

So would I ask, Musician;

of thy grace

That thou would bless and

With august harmonies,
well-loved of old,
But from thy manifold
Miraculous memory fail not
of thine own

sanctify the place

Imaginings enraptured of pure tone,

That I may nearer draw to

music's shrine,

And mystery divine."

(Richard Watson Gilder).

Let us prays

"Hang me among your winds,
O God,

Above the tremulous stars,

Like a harp of quivering

silver strings,

Showering, as it swings,

Its tuneful bars

Of eerie music on the earth.

Touch me, O God, with

but a gesture
And let each finger sweep

Over my strings until

they leap

With life, and rain

Chimes

Their silver chimes upon

the plain,

In harmonies of far

of high and holy places."

(Lew Sarrett).

By Kirby Page

The Bible is the Word of God, and God is the same Yesterday, today and Forever. But man's ability To receive God's revelation Varies with his spiritual Age - at ten he understands More than at two. The full Grown Son enables us to Measure the maturity of Every chapter. We hear Jesus saying, "It used to Be said, but I say unto You," The mind of Christ, And his spirit, must be Our constant guide. "It took me ten days To read the Bible through, Then I saw what I saw, And I knew what I knew... For a great wind blows Through Ezekiel and John, They are all one flesh That the Spirit blows upon. And suddenly the words Seemed to quicken and to shine; They glowed like the bread, They purpled like the wine...

The Book felt like flesh, It would breathe - it would sing -It would throb beneath my hand Like a breast, like a wing. It would cry, it would groan, It would shout and complain -It would seem to climb a hill With its solemn stress of pain. It would grapple with fierce powers, With a deep interior strife. It would seem to heave and 1ift With a terrible, glad life. And my flesh was in the Book, And its blood was in me; I could feel it throb within, As plain as it could be... It took me ten days To read the Bible through -Then I saw what I saw, And I knew what I knew."

(Anna Hempstead Branch).

By Kirby Page

The grace of God is the costly offering of his love and forgiveness and power to undeserving sinners, even while they live in rebellion against him. The grace of God cannot be earned, it is an unmerited gift from holy love. It is bestowed for the sole reason that it is the nature of God to grant it.

The grace of God finds its supreme incarnation in the cross of Christ. Jesus was no actor faultlessly reading the lines of a script prepared for him. He walked the way of the cross because, under all the circumstances, love and fidelity moved him in that direction. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly," for the ungodly, for the undeserving. Love is poured freely because it is love.

No more terrible distortion is conceivable than the theory of the atonement which presents the death of Jesus on the cross as necessary to appease the wrath of an angry God and make it morally permissible for him to forgive sinners. The grace of God was revealed on the cross. Jesus' prayer for the forgiveness of the men who were killing him was itself prompted by the grace of God. Saturate your mind indelibly with the truth that God is as good as Jesus.

O fer a thousand tongues
to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and
King,
The triumphs of His grace;
Hear Him, ye deaf, his

praise, ye dumb,

Your loosened tongue
employ;
Ye blind, behold your
Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame,
for joy."

(Charles Wesley).

By Kirby Page

Concerning the nature of true prayer, Francois Fenelon long ago gave this advice: "Tell God all that is in your heart, as one unloads one's heart, its pleasures and its pains, to a dear friend. Tell Him your troubles, that he may comfort you; tell Him your joys, that he may sober them; all Him your longings, that he may purify them; tell Him your dislikes, that he may help you to conquer them; tell Mim of your temptations, that he may shield you from them; show Mim the wounds on your heart, that he may heal them; lay bare your indifference to good, your depraved tastes for evil, your instability. Tell #im how self-love makes you unjust to others, how vanity tempts you to be insincere, how pride disguises you to yourself as to others. If you thus pour out all your weaknesses, needs, troubles, there will be Ma lack of what to say. Blessed are they who attain to such familiar unreserved intercourse with God.

The proportion as you talk to Mim he will talk to you; and often you should be silent and let Mim speak, which we know little of interior silence.

It lies in hushing our idle, restless, wandering imagination, in quieting the promptings of our world minds, and in suppressing the crowd of unprofitable thoughts which excite and disturb the soul."

Never forget that prayer is desire, the soul's sincere with beyont lagerness desire of God. With direct desires of every kind Godward, for correction and refining, until utmost desire is to do what God wants done.

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Concerning the great preacher Thomas Chalmers it was said, that he "carried his shrine with him everywhere." That is what ever man does, even though it may have fallen into disrepair.

In every individual there is a sacred altar, a holy meeting place of the divine and the human spirit. In the inner sanctuary of the soul, man may respond to the insistent appeal of God and enter into an ever-deepening comradeship, listening more than petioning. The invisible, inaudible Spirit of God has ways of communicating with the invisible, inaudible human spirit, the soul having eyes and ears of its own. Stillness and cessation from striving intensify desire to know the Will of God and to find power to do it.

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Faith and fortitude will be strengthened within you by these invigorating words from Borden Parker Bowne, one of Americ's great teachers of religion:

"When confronted with the miseries of mankind, there is only one argument that touches the bottom, and that is Paul's question: 'He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?' We look on the woes of the world. We hear the whole creation, to use Paul's language, groaning and laboring in pain. We see a few good men vainly striving to help the world into life and light; and in our sense of the awful magnitude of the problem and of our inability to do much, we cry out: 'Where's God? How can he bear this? Why doesn't he de something?'

"And there is but one answer that satisfies; and that is
the Incarnation and the Cross. God could not bear it. He has
done something. He has done the utmost compatible with moral
vision. He has entered into the fellowship of our suffering and
misery and at infinite cost has taken the world upon his heart
that he might raise it to himself. This is the highest revelation. Of course the order of life is still mysterious. The
mystery of pain is not yet solved. But in the presence of this
revelation, we say, with the Apostle: What shall separate us
from the love of God? For he that spared not his own Son for
our sakes must with him give us all things; so that against
bill all and districted whatsoeld we have been working for
love's sake a divine work for man's redemption is the centre
of the Christian faith and the source of its power."

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Dear Lord, we thank thee for Silence; melodious, vibrating Stillness; for its music so Enchanting and its message so Enrapturing. We praise thee, O thou who dost exult in the Grandeur ws dawn folds the Curtains of night, and Reveals rising sun and Radiant sky, lake and peak, Tree and shrub, bud and Flower. We adore thee, O tranquil Creator, for Silence of evening star, Silence of wings of light, Silence of floating cloud, Silence of soft zehyr, Silence of drifting snow, Silence of gentle rain, Silence of calm sea, Silence of crims on rose, Silence of stately redwood. O Lord God, we thank thee For silence when the clamor Of appetite is hushed, and We come to our right mind And hunger for thee as a Stricken doe thirsts with Her fawn in a parched land.

Dear Lord, we thank thee for Silence; warm, transporting Stillness; for its refrain so Insistent, and its appeal so Intriguing. We praise thee, O thou who rejoicest in the Wonder of human affection, And art filled with rapture At human worship. Te adore Thee, 0 still small voice Of calm that stirs our Souls as aspen leaves are Ruffled by the breeze, for Silence of handclasp, Silence of unspoken joy. Silence of shared sorrow, Silence of holy aspiration, Silence of high resolve, Silence of clear thinking, Silence of dty's call, Silence of memory, Silence of amticipation. C Lord God, we thank thee gilence as we lift our Deur ones before thy throne Afervent prayer that they And we may do thy loving Will, and thus enter into Fullness of eternal life.

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Arnold of Rugby, one of the greatest of all teachers, was paid this tribute by the poet Coleridge:

In him was Jesus crucified again.

For every sin that he could not prevent

Stuck in him like a nail. His heart bled for it,

As if it had been a foul sin of his own.

A true mother feels this way about the degradation of a daughter, and a faithful friend is shamed by the disgrace of a companion. It was the glory of Jesus to take the virtues of the family, heighten them, and to face all life in their mood. In veritable truth he lived as a good member of God's family.

Imagination enables us to apprehend more than appears on the surface, and identification makes it possible for us to enter the experiences of another. It was said that the prophet Ezekiel so identified himself with the victims of captivity that he sat where they sat and entered into their troubles. Jesus merged his life with those of his people that he wept over Jerusalem. Two simple disciplines will help we in deepening the relationship of compassionate identification. First, the repeated reminder that our shame brings shame upon God and our fidelity brings him glory. In the book of Romans we are told that our Father grieves over us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And second, that is the way God feels about every other human being on this earth. The manner in which I live and the mode of life of others with whom I have contacts make a vital difference to God himself. The impact of this truth rocks us to the center of existent 1

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LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND

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There is significant truth in the lines we used to sing,
"His eye is on the sparrow, and I know that he cares for me."

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The sparrow of the Creator is his concern for magnitude and
for minuteness, for celestial bodies and atomic worlds, and
every dimension of every created thing.

Consider the marvelous equipment with which he has provided migratory birds. Within twelve months the fretic term travels from near the north pole to near the south pole, a distance of 22,000 miles. From fourteen to seventeen inches in length, sometimes mistaken for gulls or swallows, these amazing birds enjoy daylight ten months out of twelve, since there is perpetual sum at both ends of their flight and more day than night during the long flights. Their number is legion and they breed from Massachusetts north the throughout the entire Arctic regions of Alaska, Europe and Asia. How they find their during the long flights, through darkness and light, at the rate of 150 miles per the twenty-fours hours for the four months required in coming and going - this is known only to their Creator!

The hummingbird is one of the most remarkable of God's creatures. Nearly five hundred species are known, varying in length from two and one-quarter inches to eight and one-half inches, and colored with all the hues of the rainbow. They can fly so rapidly that they remain matine "motionless" sipping As the light strikes them from varying nectar from blossoms. Their plums reflect that from varying angles, they present an indescribable beautiful blending of color.

Deep as the concern of God for the the birds of the air, more compassionate is his love for you, 0 son of man;

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The Grand Canyon of the Colorado can teach us many things about the workings of God's processes - the power of repetition, the force of continuity, the significance of time.

The gorge is a mile deep in infrancian in width, The gorge is a mile deep in infrancian in its 217 miles in length.

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more than the exclamation of Theodore Roosevelt: "Golly, what a gully: It was human pride which prompted a visitor to insist, young the young the first sand the scannes which "Well, it man, your explanation sounds all right, but you can't make the herieve this Canyon was dug without human help."

by the ceaseless power of running water, the blasting for of terrific wind, expanding and contracting effect of heat and frost and rain, the disintegrating for of chemical action set in operation by countless plants and shrubs and trees, and the pull of gravity. We are told that the cutting of the gorge must have taken seven to nine millions years, and before that were the upheaval and submergence under the sea.

Through the deep gorge runs a mighty river some three hundred feet wide and moving with great rapidity carry vast amount of silt, rocks and boulders - and yet the estimate is that the Canyon is being deepened at the rate of only a fraction of an inch per year? The walls of the Canyon are stained with minerals and mineral salts in the right and redirects out through and the total painting baffles description and must be experienced in order to be believed.

The Creator of all the marvels of the universe is the God and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who notes the fall of every sparrow,

who has numbered the hairs on the head of every person, and yearns

to lead us into the beautiful abundant life. But human freedom must

be used in ways that provide God with opportunity.

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He was a white man who was a Negro, or as he preferred to say, he was a Negro man who was white. And he died this week, at the early age of sixty-one.

This Caucasian, this Negro, with fair skin, blue eyes and

Cool blonde hair, white pass as a white person, as indeed he was.

But at heart Walter white was a Negro. He felt himself to be said blood.

The spirit and the achievements of Negroes, and he lived as Caucanisms.

speak of declering to live as a Negro when he could have disappeared from the black world and taken his place among white people. Such a patronizing attitude is itself proof of the soundness of his position that in notable respects most Negroes are superior to most Caucasians - in humility, gentleness, cheerfulness, adaptability, forbearance, magnanimity, and in religious feeling and eagerness to do God's will.

So this white man elected to live as a Negro, with rest is shared the triumphs of black men, and with excitation shouldered the burdens of both races to which he belonged. Never forget the weight of blackpion on the Caucasian's back - pride, arrogance, discrimination, segregation, callousness, injustice, exploitation, and extremes of gruelty.

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walter white knew himself to be a servant of both races, and never felt the slightest trace of self-pity as he worked in a noble cause. He was exultant, consecrated, and effective. For quarter of a century he was he heart of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In the field of better race relations he proved himself to be trace benefactor of Negro and Caucasian alike. He has now gone to join that immortal host of men and women of all races and centuries whose fidelity, as servants of the living God, helped man to plant his feet on higher ground.

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Man feel the power of God in a storm at sea, and when he hear the mighty roar of the tides pounding the rocks.

But in the still small voice, feel the presence of God with most radiant joy.

Our souls are so fashioned that the blending of silence and beauty lifts us to the heights of exaltation. Enter into this experience of John Muir the mountaineer: "Now came the solemn, silent evening. Long, blue spiky shadows cut across the snow-fields, while rosy glow, at first scarce discernible, gradually deepened and suffused every mountain-top, flushing the glaciers and the harsh crags with the alpenglow, the first scarce of the third the temperature manifestation of the temperature manifestation of the temperature manifestation of the total representation of the silence of the summit like wings of flame, rendering the sublime scene yet more impressive.

"How glorious a greeting the sun gives the mountains at
the break of day. It is the best peaks burned
like islands in a seafef liquid shade. Then the lower peaks
and spires caught the glow, and long lances of light, streaming
through many a notch and pass, fell thick on the frozen meadows."

Tes, "the fairest things that are those that silent come; you may not hear the first approach of morning, and though you listen as the golden sun of hours fades into dusk, no sound is born. No voices herald moonlight on a lake; the silvery dow is still; these gifts are given as quietly as Christ, who for our sike was sent to us, the greatest gift of heaven."

we may exclaim with Elizabeth Scollard,

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It has been said that "life is pure flame, and we live by an invisible sun within us." Imagination is its name, the illumination which comes from projection. Imagination gives us wings with which to traverse land and sea and sky, to dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth, and in radiant fellowship with the living God.

Jesus taught his disciples to live imaginatively, to do
unto others as you would have them do to you. That is, enter
into the experiences of others, and view life from that perspective.

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Compassion is imagination.

Commitment is
the
teaming-up power of will and imagination. Adoration is reverence

fenned by imagination. Wise is the person who seeks opportunity

to experience the blending of silence and beauty and imagination,

who arranges for leisure to enjoy music and ideas and imagination,

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How stupid of us to be taken prisoner by fleshly appetite and worldly ambition. We are made for rapture. Day by day we may be led by imagination into moods of wonder and awe, gratitude and thanksgiving, to the sheer joy of being alive, as the eyes of heart are enlightened. Train imagination to keep trimmed the wicks of the flame of life, and walk joyously as guided by the Inner Light.

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The Quakers have much to teach us about peace of mind.

**Proposition of the property of the part of the society of Friends of the faithful member of the Society of Friends of the day's work. The ancient admonition, "Be still, and know that I am God," has been taken seriously. In the meeting for business, no vote is ever taken.

After quiet preparation of mind and heart, discussion and examination of varying points of view, the sense of the meeting if felt and record, or no decision will be reached until unity of will is reached.

In every man there is that of God, an inner light which decembers him to discern the will of God and provides power to do it. In private prayer and in corporate worship, the individual centers down in living silence and waits for guidance from the divine spirit. A venerable Quaker like Rufus Jones in his latter of years has been ministered to by thousandshours of expectant waiting for the stirring of the spirit. Hurrying into action is not the way of the Friends, who have three hundred years of experience with the power of quietness and eager listening to other the voice of the Eternal. Yet no part of Christendom has earned the gratitude of mankind for hearts of compassion and deeds of marky lovingkindness as have the Quakers.

taken to heart
The Quakers have randreftenthe words of our Lord:

"I shall ask the Father to give you Someone else to stand
by you, to be with you always. I mean the Spirit of Truth...

I leave behind with you - peace; I give you My own peace and My
gift is nothing like the peace of this world." The redemption
of mankind awaits the perfect union of serenity and compassion.

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LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND By Kirby Page

Other-worldliness is the most serious need of this generation. The idea of "pie in the sky" has long been deried, and in the scramble for more pie on this parth prodigious energy is being consumed. So fierce the competitive struggle, so exhausted the human body, so tired human faculties, that too often our generation seeks release in sensuality and frivolity.

"Over against the ever more amazing inventions of science we see a kind of childishness creeping over our thoughts, our modes of expression, our art, our music, our morals. We croon primitive songs while we push one another round a room in dances that need no brain, no zest, no vitality for their successful performance. The novels we read, apparently with pleasure, show men and women as ill-conducted children whose one cocern is that which they share with the animal world. There is to me something grim and horrible in an essentially mature civilization playing at savage immaturity when it knows better."

We need a revival of emphasis upon other-worldliness less preoccupating with the world of the flesh and more
concern about the world of the spirit; less absorption in the
visible material world; and more at-homeness in the invisible
world of the spirit; less piriority to the requirements of
this transitory earthly existence, and many richer experiences
of eternity in the midst of time and in the ages to come.

Thus we must not tarry too long in the dining room, but shend Mole time in more more quickly into the living room, the library, the craft shop, the music conservatory, the art studio, and especially in prayer room and the the sanctuary.

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If you want your mini to explore God's ways of equipping man to triumph ever adversity, acquaint yourself and of animals with the structure and endowments of plant life in the desert.

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The Giant Sahuaro is one of the most miraculous of all God's creations. It thrives in a veritable inferno with the 130 temperature running as high as the degrees, and sometimes lives to be two hundred and fifty years old, although it may not be blessed with a drop of rain for as long as three years. The never fails to never fails to high the produces an annual crop of fruit, which helps to sustain life for insects, birds and animals, and makes a delicious preserves for human enjoyment. It is further equipped for susvival with a trunk which no animal can climb and which no creature nibbles away.

Other miracles are to be found in the desert, includes the Century plant which blooms just once in its lifetime; the cholla, "a miniature mortress on the trans desert, fighting for its right to exist"; and the cactus when which builds its nest and rears its young within the bristling cholla.

Enter into this experience of the beauty of the desert:

"Turquoise skies, far horizons, vast reaches, blue-veiled

mountains with tinted peaks, gray granite crags and purpleshadowed canyons, I flaming wonder of the sunset, still mystery

of the star-crowded night, gentle majesty of the morning, golden

glory of the sun-filled day, I an almost unbroken carpet of

living color, turned to gold by wild poppies, when one could not

put foot to the ground without crushing a blossom."

Surely God is able, out of the soil of adversity, to make the the soul blossom as a rose.

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Let Phillips share with us The insight of this fresh Translation: "At present All we see is the baffling Reflection of reality; we Are like men looking at a Landscape in a small mirror. The time will come when we Shall see reality whole and Face to face." The most Eminent men of science Confess that what we know, As contrasted with what we Do not know, is but a Speck of dust floating in The abyss of space. And Most elementary is our Knowledge of the life of The spirit, the invisible Relationship between man And man and God. Long has Missen Energy been Concentrated www.delDon mastery of the Material world. Thrilling would be Mark Backers: the Discoveries Made if an equivalent devoted Woods Effort were To ways of deepening

Fellowship human and divine! Many are the intimations That we are on the verge of Marrelous William discoveries. The Bankruptcy of materialism Is now visible to all who Will see. Toynbee brings to An end his ten-volume Study Of History with an eloquent Plea for religion, and many Men of thought are groping Their way toward God. Not On the foundation of greed And competitive struggle, But on the solid rock of Love of God and love of men Can the good life de built, and Release given to ikimalusxgiran Moundless Mittes potentialities Of human personality. Yes Indeed, "Here and now we Are God's children. We Don't know what we shall Become in the future. We Only know that, if reality Were to break through, we Should reflect His likeness, For we should see him As He really is."

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"When I see thy heavens, the Work of thy fingers ... what Is man that thou shouldst. Think of him?" What would Be the exclamation as the Psalmist gazed through the Big glass on Palomar? He would be told that, while Light travels a million Miles in six seconds, the Rays that he beholds have Journeyed millions of Years to reach his and that while the number Of celestial bodies runs Into billions, some of Them are so far away from Their nearest neighbor as To be lonely hermit# lost In the wilderness of space. In a laboratory he would be Initiated into mysteries of The invisible world, where Atoms are legion beyond Numbering, and yet, like setxxxx Heavenly bodies, are instant Apart by an abyss of space. And if the Psalmist should Again inquire, "What is Han?" homodabertold: He Is inventor of ponderous

Machines that the continents

And submarines that cruise Middlemen seas. He removes Mountains and dig rivers. With one blow he destroyed Hiroshima, and how holds Enough power to annihilate. Who is man? He is Hitler And his incinerators and he is John Q. Human ashes, Chaldeland His Chain gapes. He is Albert Schweitzer and his hospital, Jane Addams and Hull House. He is beast of prey, and Soul at prayer. What is Man? He is # creature Endowed by his Creator with Freedom of choice, He is the Sinner when centered in Himself, and saint when he God's will. Elects to do immediate and state He may dwell in hell, and He may move into heaven. "Here and now are God's children. We don't know what We shall become in the future. We only know that, if reality Were to break through, we Should reflect His likeness, For we should see Him as He reall is!"

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There are also a great many Other things which Jesus Did, which if they were Written one by one, not believe, Even this world, I Could contain the books Which would be written." Thus endeth the Gospel Of Saint John. And we in Our day may well ask, What hyperbole would be Ample to portray the total Influence of our Lord in Succeeding centuries upon All mankind? A complete Bibliography of Jesus in All tongues, a full list Of all written works about Him - how colossal would be The number of massive Volumes filled? Imagine What would happen to the Books in our largest Library if, with the blade Of a razor, every reference To Jesus, his teaching and Influence, were cut out! Consider the imprint made By the carpenter of Galilee

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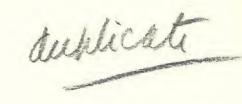
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With Saint Paul we must crys "I feel myself under a sort Of universal obligation, I Owe something to all men, From cultured Greek to Ignorant savage." So it is With every individual, and In every area of life. "No Man lives to himself, and No man dies to himself." Our very existence depends Upon the millions of hands And backs that provide us With food and shelter and Security. Our health is Ministered to by sanitary Engineer, carbage collector, Street sweeper, doctor and Dentist. Our safety is in The care of fireman, traffic Officer, policeman, and Food inspector. What we Learn is derived from brain And voice and pen of a vast Company - teacher, author, Editor, reporter. For our Books, magazines and papers We are obligated to hewer Of Wood, artisan, mechanic,

Truck driver, writer, Publisher, printer, seller, Delivery boy. And how Enriched our lives by the Genius and labor of Bach And Betthoven, Raphael and Michelangelo! Beyond all Imagination is our spiritual Indebtedness to prophet and Sant and martyr, and above All other to our Lord, and The long succession of his Disciples who journeyed To far places with the Good News. Precious indeed is Our heritage through the Church, with its sanctuary, Altar, pulpit, classroom, And beneficent impacts. Utterly beyond repayment Is our debt to father, Mother, son, daughter, Brother, sister, friend. With exultant heart, "I Feel myself under a sort Of universal obligation. I Owe something to all men, From cultured Greek to Ignorant savage."

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It was Nicholas Berdyaev who wrote: "The self-assertion of a group is the form of self-assertion from which there is least hope of escape." Long before Jesus had pointed out the peril of placing love of family above devotion to God and loyalty to the divine way of life. So emphatic were his words that years later they were trecorded in this form: "If anyone comes to me without "hating his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be a disciple of mine. The man who will not take up his cross and follow in my footsteps cannot be my disciple." The meaning of this hyperbole is crystal clear: nothing, absolutely nothing must be placed above commitment to the will of God.

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under the eyes of God, his relations with his wife and children.

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and especially for guidance as to actions and relations which will

be pleasing to the Eternal.

Many are the temptations of a Christian patriot to put concern for his nation above commitment to God. The demand of nationalism is that, in time of great peril, the citizen should do "whatever is necessary" to protect his country and to defend its way of life.

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When to deceive, to lie, to steal, to kill, even to the called upon to deceive, to lie, to steal, to kill, even to the country are all the country are deceived. When done in the name of patriotism, do these acts become right in the sight of God?

Viewing the television and listening to the radio have rock-ribbed our conviction that love of that money can buy is the root of all kinds of evil.

This generation is being inundated by an unequaled total of materialism. Fortunately, some are vigorous swimmers and have reached high ground, but multitudes are being swept to their doom. Modern advertising arouses to feverish pitch the passion for things and sensations. The unwary victim of this seduction is deceived by the impression that happiness depends upon possession of this particular commodity, and that it may be TO HE obtained on easy weekly terms well better the the family a mere blank dollars and ninety-nine cents. An insurance agent reported that he called upon families where the entire pay-check was mortgaged before it was received, so frequently had couples yielded to the temptation of love of things. Such improvident buying produces the financial insecurity which imperils marriage itself. Beyond numbering are the divorces caused in considerable degree by quarrels over money.

is doing some terrible to many of our young people.

generating an obsession to get rich and is diverting into this effort a disastrous proportion of human energy. It brings concentration in college upon vocational courses and and "practical" subjects. So absorbing are the classes on How to Increase Your Income that little interest in shown in courses on How To Live.

Determination to make money creates timid citizens. Conformity to the standards of this world conformity to the standards of this world conformity paid for maximum success in making money. One must not do anything which will cause him to be looked upon as queer, and above all he must not be tabbed with the label "subversive." And so money-seekers are usually unwilling to challenge the soundness of selfishness and strife as foundations of democracy, and not many are willing to "stick-their-necks-out" in defense of basic civil liberties.

On March 4, 1921 - three months before I resigned from the Ridgewood Ohurch and began my indepent work - the reign of normalcy under President funously Harding began. Big business was in the saddle, and rode in pursuit of private gain. The ingressed om of Woodfow Wilson was replaced by the aid liberty to operate business with minimum interference from government. The good old days had returned. Subsequent to the death of President Harding in 1923, Congressional committees rocked the country with revelations of graft, corruption and scandals in the departments of Justice, Navy, Interior, in the Bterans Bureau, and the Office of Alien Property Custodian. Major scandals involved the lease of naval oil reserves at Teapot Dome and Elk Hills. Prison sentences were imposed upon Secretary Albert B. Fall, and Harry Colonel Forbes, Colonel Miller, Sinclair, Secretary Denby and Attorney the Cabinet, General Daughterty were driven from office, and the Supreme Court invalidated the Teapot Dome and the Elk Hills leases. The moral of this tale is told by a historian:

And how did the American people take these disclosures? Did they rise in wrath to punish the offenders... the harshest condemnation on the part of the press and the public was reserved, not for those who had defrauded the government, but for those who insisted on bringing the fact to light... One of the leading super-patriots of the land, Fred R. Marvin of the Key Men of America, said the whole oil scandal was the result of "a gigantic international conspiracy... of the internationalists, or shall we call them socialists and communists?" ... disturbance of the status quo was the last thing that the dominant business class or the country at large wanted. They had voted for normalcy and they still believed in it.

GOD OF THE POLAR NIGHT

By Kirby Page

The night lasted for one hundred and thirty-two days! Two men and a woman were buried in a hut beneath the snow, far above the Arctic Circle. For extended periods Christine Ritter was utterly alone. Enter now into her experience:

"I am alone in the furious drum-fire of a blizzard. It began nine days ago, only a few hours after the men left to set the traps in a distant hunting ground. As the storm increased in violence, the hollow roar swelled into almost continuous thunder... Overnight it has become dead quiet ... It leads to a vast stillness, in a world of unimaginable splendor. The earth seems to be floating in transparent space... Today the heavens are shining in the blue light of the vanished day. In the north a red-yellow moon stands out against a bank of fog. bike the reflections of a distant conflegration, the northern lights drift in subduced reddish gleans was the sty... Northern lights of incredible intensity stream over the sky, their bright rays resembling gleaming rods of glass. In radiant lilacs, greens and pinks, they swing and whirl in a wild dance that sweeps over the entire sky ... No one who has not experienced it can have any idea of the effect of the moonlight on the smooth frozen surface of the north. It is as though one were dissolving in light; one's entire consciousness is penetrated by the brightness... How wonderful it is here! The power of this world-wide peace takes hold of me. I am conscious only of the immense solitude. Under this radiant heaven, a man's spirit is also calm, clear and radiant.... I shall never forget the loveliness

of the morning twilight. The whole sky is deep lilac, lightening to a tender cobalt blue at the horizon. For the east a pale yellow brightness spreads, and the frozen sea, reflecting the heavenly colors, shines like an immense opal... I understand now why my husband said, 'You have to be alone in the Arctice to know what life really means.'"

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They are used also in devotional meetings and prayer groups, and for sick visitation.

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MAN IS MORE THAN A SINNER

By Kirby Page

Social action by Christians is decisively affected by convictions concerning the nature of man. What we attempt is chiefly determined largely by what we think can be accomplished. The content of preaching on social issues is decided primarily by the minister's understanding of the nature of human nature.

Let us begin where there is wide agreement: man is a sinner,

MAN IS MORE THAN A SINNER

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Man is a sinner, and society is excessfool of iniquity. Our generation stands aghast in the presence of torture chambers and ovens filled with human ashes. We recoil from the devastation and slaughter of modern war, and are appalled by the desolation wrought by racial segregation. Pride and arrogance, greed and lust, fear communities and hatred, treachery and violence are dividing neighborhoos and continents into warring camps. Sin is a terrible reality, and its havoe is beyond human computation.

But man is a sinner created in the divine image, and society is meant to be the Kingdom of God on earth. Every human being is of precious worth to God, and is the object of his unwearying solicitude. It is not the will of our Father that & single one of his children should be lost; it is his will that all should have abundant and eternal life. Thus he has equipped us with all the faculties needed to enable us to love him and are neighbors and enemies. He is ever prompting us with high aspirations and deep yearnings, and challenging us to do his holy will. Out of his great love has come the gift of freedom, the power to make choices. And he trusts us with the use of faculties, even when liberty is corrupted into defiance and rebellion. Even them He does not desert us but continues his persuasions until we are and power. penitent, and accept his forgiveness, He has provided for us all the sources meed to live the good life he sent his Son to be the revelation of his own character, and through Jesus' example, impelled & selec

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He never deserts us, but continues his persuasions until we are stricken with penitence, and eagerly accept his forgiveness and power. He loves us so much that he sent his Son our Lord to guide us, and on the unmerited cross God suffered with Jesus for our redemption. And he has so fashioned us that we may enter into and move eternal life. Because in him we live and have our being, and are but a little lower than angels, it doth not appear what we shall be, except that we shall be like him.

Thus man is a sinner and a potential saint. The society of reverted was five & exploitation, Jesus' day was characterized by tyranny and assetty, lust and passion, his disciples rebellion and crucifixion. Yet our Lord taught haddedsupples to pray for the coming of God's reign on earth, to forgive times without number, to heap upon enemies burning coals of love, to accept responsibility as co-workers in a divine cause, and to enter into a holy fellowship of suffering. In the New Testament man is a sinner . letting his light a think disk called upon to effer himself as a living sacrifice, bearing in his body the Mark's of Christ, and scattering everywhere the perfume of divine fragrance. The triumphant proclation resounds that man the simmer may become a new creature in Christ. Throughout and more the emphasis is less upon the depravity of man item upon his kinship with God. And in John's Gospel is the amazing prophecy that the disciples will do the mighty works of their Lord, and even greater deeds because - because of divine resources.

Christianity is not a religion of pessimism, but of exultant anticipation.

Three imperishable are faith and hope and love. Interest Voxore Al dent

expectancy and not brooding despair was the atmosphere of the

early church, and the cry rang out, Rejoice.

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This radiance of the early Christianity must be recovered.

We must face the future with the realization that the same God and

Father of our Lord Jesus who wrought so mightily on the day of

Pentecost and subsequently in the catacombs of Rome, is the living

God who at this moment seeking admission to our minds and affections

and wills, and that his power has at nowise diminished. The Lord

who on the first Easter broke the bonds of death to live evermore

is standing by the side of every sinful individual with power to

deliver.

We should enter the sanctuary with eager expectation and with fervent desire to be filled with the wisdom and power of the Eternal.

Our conversations and discussions should express hope, and based upon our plans for action should express hope, and courageous anticipation. Sin is not the decisive reality. More momentous is man's penitence and longing for forgiveness and mathematical restoration, Our hope springs comes from the self-giving concern of God and his initiative in seeking our deliverance from the bondage of sin. Our faith is not impotent when confronted by sin; it is the power of God unto salvation. In the salvation of the salvation

seeks man, man yearns for God; children need help from the Father,

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and he needs from members of his family. God can be trusted

to do his part, and he depends upon faithful cooperation from

individuals. The will of God cannot be done on earth solely through

man must vield to divine promptings, repent, accept forgiveness, wisdom

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beloved community. The Kingdom comes as gift from God, but it must be received by men and women who have been made ready. by himse lf to be periodit. Man cannot build the good society and the his awareness, responsiveness and commitment are essentials A WE not f puppet directed by external manipulation. Meister Eckhart sounded an authentic note of the Christian Gospel when he/exclaimed: "God needs me as much as I need Him." By himself the Father cannot

build his Home. Comradeship is essential.

Thus we are called upon to accept responsibility. We have divine work to do, and God is depending upon us. But man's responsibility is limited, and larger disaster overwhelms him when muis boar he thinks himself to be God. Human responsibility is confined to continuing effort to find what God wants ham to do, and personaling offert to do it. In the Christian scheme of things it is not permissible for an individual to ignore God and go his own way, nor is he justified in refraining from an endeavor to do what he knows God wants him to do. Man is not wise enough, or good enough, or sufficiently powerful to determine the ultimate outcome. God does not hold us responsible for final results. His requirement is that a man be found faithful. He must sow good seed and harvest cultivate the soil, but the exercises will be determined by the Fidelity and not successful achievement processes of God. Bitle is man's part. For that reason the New Testament calls for obedience to the will of God and unwavering trust in God.

distinguish between True discipleship requires that we contract what we are with society what God wants us to be, and that we contrast our present social order with the mann of the Kingdom of God on earth for which are calded upon our Lord taught his disciples to pray. We must continue to bear witness against themaxaspastaxes unchristian aspacts

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Individual Christians We are not responsible for the prevention of the third world war, seeking but we are responsible for the will of God for our lives in this relations hips crisis and for for attitudes and actions which are pleasing to him. No one of us is responsible for the abolition of racial discrimination what we tipul and do. and segregation, but we are accountable for our attitudes and actions -Nor are responsible for the transformation of a competitive economic order into the commonwealth of God on earth, but we must bear witness to the contrast between things as they are and the way God wants us to live, and reflect this witness through our own lives. Not diligan teearch for successful accomplishment, but be because the will of God and faithfulness in endeavor to do it are the divine requirements.

Thus we should live by the conviction that man is more than a sinner; he is a co-worker in divine business. Less stress must be placed upon personal and social sin than upon salvation from sin.

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NOT ALL ARE IN ONE FOLD

By Kirby Page

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The truth spoken by our Lord - "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold" - is illustrated in our day by a Hindu saint, Vinoba Bhave, who more than anyone else is Mahatma Gandhi's spiritual successor.

Bhave comes from a high-caste Brahmin family. At twelve he took a vow of chastity and celibacy. Through rigid discipline he learnech became en authority in Marathi literature, and learned to speak fifteen other languages. At the age of twenty he joined Gandhi, and in civil disobedience campaigns spent five years in British prisons. After Gandhi's death, he became disillusioned concerning diminished, and "he political action and was one of the founders of an informal Society for the Welfare of All. Then he felt description impelled to devote himself to the landless in India's five hundred thousand villages. This was his simple appeal to those who owned land: "If you had five sons, you would divide up your wealth equally between them. Treat me as your sixth son. Give me a share of your land for the sake of 'God revealed in the poor.'" On foot he journeyed a distance greater than from New York to Los Angeles, in spite of chronic malaria and a stomach ulcer. His selflessness, radiant countenance and bold challengemade such 230,000 donors have contributed more a powerful impact that than five million across to be shared with we landless families.

Vinoba Bhave "If a fellow man or woman has no clothes to wear and nothing to eat, and one of you say, Good luck to you, I hope you'll keep warm and find enough to eat, and yet give them nothing to meet their physical needs, what on earth is the good of that? ... Yes, faith without action is as dead as a body without a soul,"

Bhave is convinced that the spirit of sharing is the power that will bring about revolutionary changes in society peaceably and without the violence of the Communists. He hopes precipitate to maintain a change of heart and thus release moral power. He says: "We do not aim at doing mere acts of kindness but at creating a kingdom of kindness."

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Insight and inspiration are found in this passage from Dr. Howard E. Collier, a British Quaker practicing physician:

"Of all the things that I have learned from my contacts with Quakerism, one thing stand out. The healing influences and power reside neither in the doctor, nor in his medicines, discoses; nor in surgical operations. Doctors may cure dienes; medicines and operations may remove the hindrances that are preventing healing, but only the healing powers of God - alone make men whole. As Ambroise Pare once said: 'I deessed his wound; but God healed him., its folly to try to caudy living organisms only a physical frame of reference.

"I asked myself, how explain many cases of unexpected recovery in constitutionally enfeebled persons, and especially among those who were surrounded by the love and the prayers of their friends and relations? Science suggested that such facts as these were irrelevent. Believe me, they are not irrelevent in private practice, where everything may seem to turn upon the faith of a mother or upon the loving care of a daughter for her sick parent... These opened my eyes to the possibility that faith, prayer and worship might heal, even when all else seemed to have failed...

"I have seen many a person made whole in spirit whose physical health remained far below normal for his age. As George Fox once said, 'There be miracles in the spirit of which the world knows nothing." I have never stopped to ask whether the patients were cured by digitalis, by psychology, or by religious healing. All that matters is that by the

complete treatment people are always helped, and frequently made whole... Health is given to man, or health is restored, in order to serve, and never for self-gratication."

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JOYOUS TONIC FOR BODY AND SOUL By Kirby Page

Physicians have long emphasized the close relationship between mind and body. Emotions sometimes produce ulcers, ness and healty-minded may increase bodily vigor. Listen to this testimony from Frank Laubach:

"If depressing thoughts can cause pain and even organic disease, imagine what health can flow down the manus nerves from your mind if you are stimulated every minute by the joyous tonic of being sure that Christ is here, by your side, unseen but intensely real, speaking to you, opening doors for you, smiling at you, loving you, working with you, ahead of you, and for you! If God be for us who can be against us? ... For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to seperate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' The electric effect of this minute-byminute walking with his close, warm, breathing, living person at our sides sends charge after charge of energy down our tingling nerves to our very finger tips, building health in every fiber. This was the spiritual tonic from God which Jesus felt when he said, 'I have meat to eat that ye know not of."

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness... For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

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Ninety years ago Horace Bushnell shed this illumination upon the meaning of the Crosss "It is as if there were a cross unseen, standing on its undiscovered hill, far back in the ages, out of which were sounding always, just the same deep voice of suffering love and patience, that was heard by mortal ears from the sacred hill of Calvary."

Just so, the Cross is an eternal attitude and relationship. In the beginning was the character of God, the Word of God, the Logos; and the Word was God, and from earliest dawn God was self-giving, forgiving love, and ever shall be be. That is why the Cross of Christ reveals the true nature of our divine Father as he is nowhere else made vivid.

This truth is far more than a theological dogmas, it is a fact of utmost significance. Nothing could be so momentous to an individual as the good news that he is the object of the unwearying solicitude of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. So individual as the love of God that he made man in his own image, equipped him with all the faculties and beyond all that he needed for comradeship, brought forth Jesus from the grave to continues to knock be a constant presence, and insular maximally at the door of person every into with eager desire to grant abundant and eternal life. Human responsiveness provides God with opportunity, and God never misses an opportunity.

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Likewise, man's ignorance of spiritual processes has eften caused him to attribute to God acts of vengeance and cruelty.

We religious people need a fuller measure of the humility which is now being shown by the really great physical scientists.

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They realize that explanations which were accepted as valid contradictory at the beginning of this century have been set aside by lines

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Administration of the man of true science is humble and expectant.

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Even Einstein was awarm of his dense ignorance.

concerning Ged's way of working, we are still in the kindergarten of the spiritual life. Our knowledge does not warrant arrogance and dogmatism. Instrumental statements are still in the warrant arrogance and dogmatism. Humility, eager receptivity and passion for truth enable God to reveal himself to us, will for our lives, and lead us into fuller knowledge of his warranting.

Humility is not syonomous with flabbiness or inertia.

Humility is awareness of guilt and incompleteness, and
yearning for fullness of life. "The just shall live by
faith" - trust in the wisdom and power and love of God,
and determination to do that which is pleasing through in his sight.

divine Father.

DEFEAT MAY LET THE GLORY OUT

By Kirby Page

Axestis repealed."

And this was the beginning of John Bright's career as one of the great reformers and benefactors of the British people.

may be crushing. Tragedy often strikes as a belt of despair.

But pain and lone liness have frequently been opens windows

through which God has entered with comfort and assurance/

and challenge. Every pastor can tell you of handicapped
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touch them - men and women who have so adjusted their

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"Defeat may serve as well as victory

To shake the soul and let the glory out.

When the great oak is straining in the wind

The boughs drink in new beauty, and the trunk

Sends down a deeper root on the winward side.

Only the soul that knows the mighty grief

Can know the mighty rapture. Sorrows come

To stretch out spaces in the heart for joy."

(Edwin Markham).

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POWER FOR TWO WORLDS

By Kirby Page

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Beyond human comprehension is the power of almighty

God. In the material world the force latent within the invisible invisible atom staggers the mind, and in the spiritual realm we are surrounded by energy beyond all our needs.

For milleniums of time man was ignorant of many forms of material might, to this moment multitudes of human beings fail to utilize illimitable spiritual resources within their reach. Hear this testimony from Alexis Carrel, one of the great scientists of this age:

"Prayer is not only worship; it is also an invisible emanation of man's worshipful spirit - the most powerful form of energy that one can generate. The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as that of scoreting glands. Its results can be measured in terms of increased physical bucyancy, a greater intellectual vigor, moral stamina, and a deeper understanding of the realities underlying human relationships ... Prayer is a force as real as terrestial gravity. As a physician I have seen men, after all therapy had failed, lifted out of disease and melancholy by the serene effort of prayer. It is the only power in the world that seems to make overcome the so-called 'laws of nature'; the occasions on which prayer has dramatically done this have been termed 'miracles.' But a constant, quieter miracle takes place hourly in the hearts of men and women have discovered that prayer supplies them with a steady flow of sustained power in their daily lives."

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

the thinking and feeling and experience of another person, and with discipline is needed if we are to respond intelligently and compassionately to his situation. Our endeavor should be to view him through the eyes of God and to place our Father's stamp of worth upon him.

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stand as a threat of some kind to you, to your means or your

security. He may appear to be an enemy of society. In an unhurried

period of reflection and prayer, inquire: Who is he? He is as

a child of Society faculties like my own;

myself, a creature of heredity and environment and stimuli, inner
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In relation to this what is the significance for you of the teaching of Jesus? The fatherhood of God? the brotherhood of man? the sacredness of personality? the duty of the strong to bear the burdens of the weak? the responsibility of the well to heal the sick? the obligation to forgive seventy times seven?

Because he is of precious worth to God and is very dear to our Lord, pray that you may be able to enter sympathetically into his life and understand his problems. Wish him well. Resolve to treat him the way God wants you to deal with him. Hold him tenderly in your hands

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(Do you now envisege such person?) as you lift him before God in warm intercession. Seek to enable our Father to do for this person everything that in his love and wisdom he is endeavoring to do. Pray for personal guidance that you may be a co-worker with God in bringing rich blessing to him. Let your devotion to the Golden Rule transform your relations with him.

blessed is the man who has learned to be at home within himself in his own house. Tragic is the condition of a person who, when apart from other individuals, is haunted by a sense of lone-liness. We are thus reminded by John Pulsford: "Man is no better than a leaf driven by the wind until he has completely mastered his great lonely duties. If he has no habit of retiring from all that is world and of conversing face to face with his inner man; if he does not, alone, invite the gaze of God; if he does not draw down upon his soul the power of the world to come, then he is no man yet; he has not found the life of man nor the strength of man; he is a poor, unhappy creature, sporting only with shadows, and affrighted before the real and the eternal. He owns a great house, a wonderful house, but it is shut up, and he lives outside with his fellow cattle; the inside is wholly unknown to him, and he has lived outside so long that he is afraid of the inside."

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residing in a physical body, and that the most precious experiences
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Learning To Be At Home With One's Own Self

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Our Christian faith is that man is never alone. Always he is in the company of the invisible God and the living Christ. We may be unaware of these holy guests, we may endeavor to barricade our doors against their entrance, we may reject their promptings. But they remain closer than hands or feet and nearer than breathing. They are not detectives acquiring evidence with which to convict us. They come with the loving purpose of persuading us to accept the wealth of life they offer.

emptying and filling,

When our God-given faculties are responsive to divine guidance, we that which behold ourselves as really are, and we reach upward toward what we may become. Listening is the most transforming to use responding to the initiative of God as he seeks our thinking and our feeling, our deciding and our doing in the releasing while we wisk undeveloped resources hidden within. Through sustained and frequent times of quiet thought and holy aspiration, we are led in the exploration of room after room our our deciding until we become joyously at home with ourselves.

Forgive us, dear God, for the times we have been afraid to be alone with with Kindle our minds with keener realization of the richness of the resources thou hast bestowed upon us in endowing us with such marvelous faculties.

Strengthen our determination to walk hand in hand with thee through the Specious mansions of our soul. Amen.

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and severities practiced by early Christian ascetics, and have been

repelled by many of their attitudes and habits, but at the same time may affine into the semential my admiration has been heightened.

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rich food, to destroy sexual passion. In this endeavor they went to

utmost extremes: some continuously sought news ways of inflicting pain:

of increasing severity upon their bodies; some subsisted on the bare some exercised ingenuity in keeping themselves awake for extended periods; amount of food required to sustain life; some completely separated

themselves from human company, living alone in deserted places and and on high towers;
caves of wild beasts, some men persisted for decades in their refusal

in the presence even to look upon the face of a woman, keeping eyes closed in a company.

betallows mother and sister; some women terribly disfigured their

faces and shoulders and hands to make sure that they would not receive by the church honored with advances from men. These men and women some of whom the status the status.

A spent their days and nights in unending battle with the world,

the flesh, and the devil.

they rejected all amenities of life, including cleanliness; some they refused to rejoice in the beauty of nature, the harmony

of music, the wealth of literature;

their Lord Jesus into the bliss of communion with God, in this world and howen to come. Upon this holy purpose they concentrated with massive attention. They accepted with absolute literalness the teaching of Jesus, as they understood it. And the amainment in the distributions are they accepted with absolute literalness the teaching

fact is that some of these ascetics became the holiest saints, with intribution brilliance of mind, keenness of spiritual insight, surpassing devotion to the will of God, as they understood it, and astounding spiritual power over their fellows. Some of them must be reckoned among the great benefactors of the human race. They sought first and continuously the Kingdom of God, and many things were added to them.

O thou wise and loving Creator, keep us from despising any faculty, thou hast bestowed upon us, and withhold us from looking with contempt upon any member of our body. Do thou put iron into our determination and to seek first things first, to exalt the life of the spirit above the satisfactions of the body. In the blessed name of our Lord, Amen.

The log of Rising Above The Crowd

what more are you doing than others, who inquired Jesus of his disciples. Are you doing anything exceptional? Then came the admonition to strive for perfection. Where others go one mile, you must when travel two miles. Where others forgive seven times, you must forgive while seventy times seven. Where others love while blood relatives, you must be possessed with self-giving concern for the enemies. Where others seek comfort and applause, you must take up your cross and follow wherever God leads.

Mrs. E. Herman shares these discerning lines: "No genuine spiritual height

Courage and faith to travel the second mile that up the steep ascent are derived from intimacy with Jesus, through repeated neturnings to the record of his doings, through constant reading of books about him, through tening practice in remembering that he is the with us as an affectionate friend, and through frequent infum,

Forgive us, 6 thou Eternal Guide who art ever beckoning us onward and upward, forgive where our moral flabbiness and spiritual softness. Grant unto us such warm friendship with thee that we would rather please thee than to do anyting else on this earth. In the name of Christ, who is ever with us. Amen.

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The Wonder of Human Personality

one bare With one rubber sea boot and a wanted foot which was come, as Jan managed to escape Making what long and with the total of Monthat to Northe level into the mountains. For three days he struggled indomitably in an Arctic storm, blinded by snow and with increasing pain from his wounded toe; until he was caught in an avalanche and hurled to the velley floor below, but and except Earpis beed Who consciousnoss returned ha strageled blindly and diplently with from determination to keek moving in order to about he stumbled into a remote cabin and sprawled to the floor, to the horror of a mother and two children. She called her brother, and wer le was convinced that den was not a he assumed responsibility for effort to smuggle the injured man across the mountains to an agreed upon spot where a party from another village would attempt to carry him to Sweden. Four men on skies carried Jan in blankets up a mountain for three thousand feet in deep snow and treacherous ice. When the other party was in their village, delayed by an unexpected arrival of German troops in their remote reluctantly the decision was made to bury Jan four feet deep in snow, with a supply of good, whope that he would be found. Alexandratestion with the other village. Seven days later help

came, and two futile were made to get him to the frontier.

in the snow.

After each frustration he was returned to a deep hole on the high

plateau.

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in his "grave"

For twenty-seven consecutive days, and the partial of a lay in a sleeping-bag covered with deep snow. All this time he was a desperately sick and worst of all, gangrene in his injured toe had spread. Barely conscious, and lay along the limit of and walk he decided to amputate his own toes in an effort to save his life. With his knife, he began the operation — and three days later there were nine toes side by side on a ledge of snow.

Lapps, who had been abandoned, he was rescued by nomad Lapps, who had reindeer sled whirled him to safety in Sweden. In a hospital, his feet and legs were saved, and he was nursed back to health - minus nine of his toes. Details of this incredible story.

ARE KIDNAPPERS INCLUDED IN THE LOVE OF GOD?

By Kirby Page

At the center of our religious faith is the conviction that, in the sight of God, every human being is
of infinite worth, not only when he is wise and good,
but all the time in every possible circumstance. This
means enemies in wartime, criminals at the bar of justice,
outcasts in degredation.

murdered a baby. Because God is holy and righteous altogether, we know that he views this crime with abhorrence. But we know equally well that because God is love he looks tender upon the kidnapper with looks concern and atmost eagerness to bring about his transformation. The justice of God always expresses his love, in every case. What is the will of God about a murderous kidnapper? Not that he shall be lost, but that he shall be saved. This perpetrator of a fiendish deed affection, beyond that of a human mother for a prodigal daughter.

Long before Immanuel Kant voiced the truth that man should be treated as an end in himself, met as a means, Jesus had taught his disciples to be guided by self-giving concern in dealing with every man, because in him is that of God. Ancient Jews would not willingly tread upon the smallest piece of paper, because the name of God may be written on it. Thus Coleridge wrote: "Trample not on any; there may be some work of grace there, that thou knowest not of. The name of God may be written upon the soul thou treadest on; it may be a soul that Christ thought so much of, as to give his precioeus blood for it; therefore despise it not."

Shall we make an exception in the case of a kidnapper?

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"The cords of death encircled me; and the tortures of Sheol found me; I found trouble and sorrow." These words of the Psalmist express the despair of Ludwig van Beethoven when, at the age of twenty-eight, he realized that he was losing his hearing. Deafness is bad enough for anybody, but for a musical in the early period genius in the early period of his career, it is wanton waste and ness, utter senseless Beethoven raved. His mood of different bitterness and defiance persisted until he became aware that his malady was in no wise diminishing his creativity, but on the contrary there swept over him a feeling of being possessed, of finding within himself an indomitable creative energy that nothing could destroy.

During the next fifteen years, Beethoven's genius "rises to sublime heights," while in the closing decade of his life, his works reached a pinnacle beyond the achievements of any other musician in any age. Three years before his death, after he had been deaf for quarter of a century, his immortal Ninth Symphony was heard for the first time. "Nothing in musical literature has equaled the sublime grandeur of this symphony." And so Beehoven may well have drawn upon the Psalmist for his words of gratitude to the Most High:

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his godly ones,

And praise his holy name.

For though there is a moment in his wrath, there is a lifetime in his favor.

Weeping may lodge with us at evening, but in the morning there is

a shout of joy ...

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Long have thoughtful men known that the effective way its
to deal with crime is by the prevention of crime through
proper training of the young in wholesome environment; through
the temporary confinement of criminals in places of cure, or
through prolonged separation from society if proved to be
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The humility of great scientists prompted Alfred Noyes to pay tribute to Newton:

"I know not how my work may seem to others -"

So wrote our mightiest mind - "but to myself

I seem a child that wandering all day long

Upon the sea-shore gathers here a shell,

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Sometimes we make light of sin, explain it away as unavoidable say it is weakness, poor judgment, or dismiss it as an out-dated idea.

attribute it to human nature, or jauntily confess, "of course,

I'm no saint." But sometimes sin becomes an obsession, it hynotizes.

us, terrorizes us, crushes us, and takes from us the last ray of hope.

To doubt God's desire to forgive and his offer of forgiveness, of our acquaintance. is to deny/that he is as good as some men and women waxkness. His power to forgive is infinitely greater than human power to commit sin.

"Where is the follish person," inquires Saint Francois de Sales, "who would thing it is in his power to commit more than God could forgive, and who will dare to measure, by the greatness of his crimes, the immensity of that infinite mercy which casts them all into the depths of the sea of oblivion, when we repent of them with love?"

EMBODIED FAITH is TRUST

So dim is man's vision, and so feeble is his strength, as he confronts the complexities and perils of life, that his salvation comes by faith. Now faith is not a substitute for understanding, it is trust in what your really believe. When we Christian live by the faith we profess, our inner reservoirs are flooded with illumination and filled with power. Let us remind ourselves of the Bible's precious promises.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit ... those who mourn ... the meek... those who hunger and thirst for righteousness... the merciful... the pure in heart... the peacemakers... those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake... your heavenly Father knows that you have need met them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well... Ask... seek... knock... If you then, who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him? ... Let not your hearts be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions... Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father ... the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things... He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that hears much fruit... I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us... Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himselves interceds for us with sighs too deep for words... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Our Lord was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, yet he experienced joy of unfathomable depth, and butxhe left a legacy of joy to his disciples. From the dim distant days of the dawn of human life, God has been a Father of love and concern, and has joyously carried a cross on his and joy are the shoulders. Suffering two sides of affection. Life suffers distills because of love, and life have the sweets of joy from pure affection.

Holy laughter resounds throughout the Bible. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord ... Serve the Lord with gladness ... Rejoice in the Lord ... children of joy ... Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice. ". / I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation ... God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain ... His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth ... Let the nations be glad and sing for joy ... With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation ... Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! ... Waxakailxxxxfarthx For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace ... Clory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased! ... Theese things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full ... May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope ... With all our affliction, I am overjoyed. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy ... Ciount it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials...

A SENSE OF INNER PEACE WHILE IN JAIL

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By Kirby Page

One of the memorable experiences of my life was an intimate contact with Jawarharlal Nehru. We had dinner in his home in Allahabad, and one of my treasures is a note which passed down to us from the mathematical congress. Lahore, inviting us to slip out and join Mahatma Gandhi in his evening prayers.

A high caste Brahmin, murtured in luxury, a graduate of Harrow and Cambridge, Market Nehru served eight terms in British prisons because of his participation in the Gandhi's program of civil disobedience. Here are sentences from his autobiogray:

"For nearly seven months I had no interview... For fourteen and a half months I lived in my little cell... Interviews are only permitted once in three months, and so are letters... handcuffed to another person for a whole night and part of a day."

At the time we saw him, he was an old-hand at prison life, and was out of jail temporarily. Yet his serenity was impressive. Here are other sentences we which he wrote: "Many of us who worked for the Congress program lived in a kind of intoxication... We sensed the happiness of a person crusading for a cause... So we went on, vaguely but intensely, the exhibitantion of action holding us in its grip... This march of ours down the streets of Jaite town reminded me forcibly of a dog being led on by a chain. We felt somewhat irritated to begin with, but the known humor of the situation dawned upon us, and on the whole we enjoyed the experience... He gave me two resounding blows on my back. The bodily pain was quite forgotten in a feeling of exhibitantion... In the midst of strife, and while we curselves encouraged that strife, we had a sense of inner peace."

THE RAW MATERIAL OF LIFE

By Kirby Page

When a man reaches the age of sixity, it dawns upon him that he has used up more than half of his allotment of Time.

With heightened vividness, he realizes that if he is going to do anything in this life, he had better get at it. For many individuals the remaining one-quarter or one-third of a lifetime heriod.

The most creative and the most joyous, Everything depends upon whether or not a man has learned to make redemptive use of hours and days.

middle aged. Technology and industry have placed conveniences and included aged. Technology and industry have placed conveniences and included agency at the disposal of this generation. The other day my wife and I were talking about the way our mothers used to wash the clothes of the household - with hot water from an outdoor pot stoked with firewood, a galvanized corduroy washboard, a generous such of elbow grease; as contrasted with a automatic washer and dryer now looked upon as absolute necessities in millions of homes.

Never before were people able to do so many things in so little time. Whether old age is to be a glorious experience or a miserable fate is now being termined. It takes time to store inner reserves. It takes time to develop creative habits. It takes time to cultivate the mind. It takes time to nurture the life of the spirit. It takes time interior to be holy. It takes time to subordinate the animal to the inner spirit. It takes time to be holy.

Fruitful indeed of the family conversations about the best to make use of our most precious possession. For most of us, wisdom suggests less time for entertainment, more time for re-creation; the entries of the contest connedients, less absorption in what goes by the name of humar, and more concentration on the beautiful and the harmonious, the true and the good. It takes time to be holy.

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VICTORY OUT OF THE EXTREMITY OF DEFEAT

By Kirby Page

The eminent historian Professor Butterfield shares with US

this insight into one of the glorious aspects of human experience:

experience:

By Kirby Page

TRIUMPH OUT OF OPPRESSION

"Amid disasters and predicaments more permanently hopeless than those of present-day Germany, and amid a castastrophic history compared with which the story of modern Belgium or Poland is one of blessedness and peace, the ancient Hebrews, by virtue of inner resources and unparalleled leadership, turned their tragedy, turned their very helplessness, into one of the half-dozen creative moments in world history. In particular the period associated with the Jewish Exile, provides us with a remarkable example of the way in which the human spirit can ride disaster and wring victory out of the very extremity of defeat. They showed that by resources inside themselves, they might turn their very catastrophe into a spring-board for human achievement, even when the catastrophe was of that irresistible kind which breaks men's backs...

"It would seem that one of the clearest and most concrete of the facts of history is the fact that men of spiritual resources may not only redeem catastrophe, but turn it into a grand creative movement. It is hard to rid oneself of the impression that in general the highest vision and the rarest creative achievements of the mind must come from great internal pressure, and are born of a high degree of distress." In any case one can hardly resist the feeling that in the work of some of the major prophets the tragedy of human history has that sort of might and grandour which we often associate with the name of Beethoven." (H. Butterfield, Christianity and History, p. 75)

Hear the trainplant exultation of St. Paul, himself anguish: one of the me noblest illustrations of victory over sufferings.

"I consider that the sufferings of this present that time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God."

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THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING CHRISTIAN WALLES

Profound wisdom is packed into these words of our Lord:

"For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life,
and those who find it are few."

It is easy to assert belief in the Fatherhood of God, and difficult to treat men of other races, nations and classes men as brethren. Prejudice, discrimination, exclusion, segregation and expolaration are reflected in the practices of Christians throughout.

The generations since the day of our Lord upon the earth. The record of the American Negro under democracy is summarized in two massive volumes by Gunnar Myrdal. More recently Charles Abrams has assembled the evidence of prejudice and discrimination in housing against the foreign born, Jews, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Koreans,

Mexicans, Puero Ricans, and Negroes. These volumes and a hundred similar ones make painful reading for men and women was who are seeking to do and to do the will of God as it is revealed in Christ

Jesus our Lord.

discriminatory practices: fear of economic loss, fear of mendic standards of morality, fear of different cultures, approximate fear of the intermixture of races, Kear of losing the American way of life and scores of suspicions and annities.

The disciple of mind and emotion, will and behavior is found in private prayer, group fellowship, public worship, and in the vacial multiplication of favorable experiences across from lines. If we and are to take Jesus seriously we must acquire historical perspective, spiritual insight, depth of concern, and more embracing commitment.

More serious than the difficulty in our minds is the perversity of our emotions, and yet more unruly is the will to brotherhood and fellowship.

So embedded within us are the evil spirits of caste and racial spirity that only a mighty work of God in our hearts can cast them out. The need is for less a selfishness and more of the mind of Christ and fuller devotion to the will of God.

THE LITTLE MIRACLE AND THE BIG ONE

By Kirby Page

Miss Marjorie Rambeau the veteran actress talks about two miracles in her life, one physical and the other spiritual. In at the age of fifty-six an automobile accident "she had two concussions, and 56 stitches were taken in her head." Her right shoulder was broken. Her right leg was torn open to the bone from this to knee. The left hip socket was crushed, and the femur thrust up into her body."

Three months of agony in a hospital and then five years as a cripple and recluse in her home, followed by a second operation and three months in a sanitarium, chabled ther get to get about on crutches.

Then Miss Rambeau read the biography of Peter Marshall and was so deeply impressed that she accept an offer to take a small part in the filming of his life story. Highlights of the portrayal wavere sermons delivered by the leading man. Even through this medium the sermons strangely warmed her heart and brought new hoint confidence. At one stage the cast was rehearsed to walk down the aisle and great the minister. She told herself, "Marjorie, you do believe. You regret breaking faith as we all take, but you shouldn't be. Put pe in God's hands. You can walk down that aisle." When the signal was given and the cast stood up, Marjorie stood with them, and when they began walking, she 4/50 walked was using her cane to support her. The scene had to be rehearsed fifteen times, and fifteen times Miss Rambeau walked down the aisle. With At the end of a year she was still walking, without waster crutches.

"Miracle?" she aks. "I call my walking the 'little
miracle,' for there was a far greater spiritual one. I no
no longer regret for a moment my suffering, because I know now
that pain and heartbreak were necessary to my growth. It
was through them that I discovered the deepest meaning of life."

HOW GOD TRUSTS MAN!

By Kirby Page

Out of divine wisdom he chose to grant a substantial measure of genuine freedom of choice to human beings. And this grant of liberty is never taken away, even when it is used viciously.

leaders in the day of Jesus. Twenty thousand priests ministered heavy in the temple, according to Josephus. Priestly taxes were added to Ramon tribute and were controlled by Annas and Caiaphas, who deprinated and the temple market. From their country estates they supplied the animals sacrificed in the temple, and fixed the sales price. A stench went up to God from their greed and corruption. They felt themselves to be chief among the divince servants, and looked upon Jesus with contempt and enmity. How difficult, how humanly impossible it was for these leaders to listen with contrition, humility and aspiration to the wonderful words of life spoken by the corruption.

the same. We have failed to take seriously the admonition not to let the world around us squeeze us in its own mold.

We have learned to do as the Romans do in the areas of amose ments

economics, politics, race relations, patrictism. We also insecurity, Conventional (7),

are ensared by self-interest, timidity, fear and passion.

Often we call sweet bitter, and bitter sweet; frequently we look upon evil as good, and good as evil. We cry out, "Lord, Lord," and fail to capture his spirit and walk in his way.

Sometimes we deny with our lives what we profess with our lips.

God's problem in dealing with us today is essentially

Our hope is in the initiative of God. He is as eager to enlighten and empower us as he was to help Jesus. We can respond to his faith in us by cultivating the attitudes of contrition, humility, gratitude, teachableness, and dedication to the life of the spirit.

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And They Followed Jesus

"The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of Godl' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus."

The Imitation of Christ has been read more often by more Christians throughout the centuries than any other book except the Bible itself. For centuries its authorship was attributed to Thomas a Kempis, but recently discovered evidence makes it clear that Thomas merely edited and added to an older manuscript by Gerard Groote, who was born in 1340 and destined to become the Netherlands' mightiest preacher. He was a graduate of the University of Paris, and after a period in a monastery became an itinerant preacher, a predecessor in a real sense of George Fox and John Wesley. He emphasized the love of God, the Father's initiative, the possibility of life with God. He appealed constantly to the Scriptures and preached what was in fact a new evangelism. He was powerfully influenced by a visit which he made to Ruysbroeck. Millions of Christians all over the earth have fed their spirits upon such words as these:

He is truly great who hath great love.

First keep thyself in peace, and then shalt thou be able to make peace among others.

He enjoyeth great tranquillity of heart, that careth neither blame for the praise, nor the praise, nor the praise of men.

If you wish to rise to this height of perfection, you must begin manfully and lay the axe to the root in order to remove and destroy all self-seeking and all secret attachment to all temporal goods.

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And the more a man dies to himself, the more he begins to live unto God.

It is better to have a little knowledge with humility, and a moderate understanding, than a treasure of knowledge with self-conceit.

Perfect triumph is the triumph over self.

It is a great art to know how to converse with Jesus; and to know how to keep Him is great wisdom.

Know for sertain that you must lead a life in which you continually die to self.

Be meek and humble, and Jesus will be with you.

Many follow Jesus unto the breaking of bread; but few to the drinking of the cup of His passion. Amen.

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Arture Toscanini was born in Parma, Italy, in 1867, son of an obscure tailer. A teacher in school recognized the ability of Arture and persuaded his father to let him be sent to the Conservatory, the very place where a century earlier the immortal Paganini had studied. Nine years later he was graduated with the highest possible ratings, 160 out of 160 in celle, 50 out of 50 in both piano and composition. Even at this age Tescanini possessed a memory se amazing that accounts of it seem utterly incredible. Soon this describe memory was to be given dramtic expression. He sailed for South America with an epera company, as cellist and an assistance chorus master. On the first Wight at Rie de Janeiro the performance was a disgraceful failure, due to bitter controversy between the conductor and the musicians. The conductor resigned in rage and publicly denounced the artists. The next night a hostile crowd created a near rist and the assistant conductor was unable to proceed. In desperation the management accepted a suggestion that perhaps Tescanini could quiet the mob and conduct the performance. At that time he was nineteen and had never conducted an opera, and certainly had not as leader. rehearsed without once Nevertheless, from memory, without once opening the score, he led in the presentation of Aida. The audience simply went wild in acclamation, as audiences continued to do for the

next sixty-five years. At La Scala in Milan, the Metropolitican in

New York, Bayreuth, Salzburg, he conducted from memory. In 1926 he

turned from opera to crehestral music and became director

of the New York Philharmenic, and later over the air with the NBC

Symphony, His genius as a musician and the magnetic power of his own

personality combined to make of him the greatest conductor of all time.

immeasureable.

The joy he brought to multitudes of individuals is simply

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LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND

By Kirby Page

Take thyself often to wooded temples, and feed thy soul on color and fragrance and a sense of leisure. Every season has its own special beauty. Journey now with John Muir: "Nature with

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General MacArthur did not say just that, what he said was:

"The imminent collapse of Japan was clearly apparent several

months before Yalta," that is, ex "several months before"

before May, 1945.

February To be specific: some six months before the first

atomic bomb was used, the General knews that the end of the war.

that is,

with Japan was "imminent," "likely to happen soon," "about to

occur."

Ten years ago General Arnold reforted officially that prior to the use of the atomic bomb, p "precision" bombing by our air force had gutted than all the chief centers of Japan and paralyzed war production of munitions and war supplies.

It is high time that we stop talking about the million

American lives saved by using the atomic bomb. Penitently we should seek God's forgiveness

"Even before one of our B-29's dropped its atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan's military position was hopeless... The fact is that the Japanese could not kerkkamak have held out long, because they had lost control of the air... and so could not prevent the destruction of their cities and industries."

Indian Summer in the Sierra

"Nature with eternal earnestness keeps her autumn holidays, giving gold to the maple leaf, crimson to Vaccinium,
and scarlet to the leaves and berries of the mountain ash,
mellowing her sunbeams, hushing her winds and streams, robing
the harsh rocks in soft rosy light, gathering leaves and burrs
into hollows, feeding her squirrels and birds, sparing no deed
of loving beauty as she were gardening this canyon above
all others.

"Ambrosial days of thick gold. Orimson yellow of clouds. Small isles of mist transfigured. Water moving in luxurious langour, thick-swelling rolling folds gliding in silence. Sunlight lying thick and rich, brooding calm in the groves of pine down the rugged ice-carved canyon. Bars of crimson at sunset, glorifying the edge of night. Long after the valley lies quiet in shadow the domes still sing warmly with sunshine and echo it back to the meadows. At night the great walls, unrelieved by any alternations of light and shadow, loom in unbroken masses to the stars. The green pines far above wave and sing to the touch of grand old winds. Nowhere is God's love coined into more beautiful forms. Everywhere is time—lessness and infinite leisure...

"The fragrance with which one is feasted in the woods is, like the music, derived from a thousand untraceable sources. In music there are not only birds, main wind-tones, the frogs, a flutter of leaves like the clappings of small hands, squirrels, waterfalls, and the rush and trill of rivers and small brooks, but the whole air vibrates with myriad voices blended that we cannot analyze.

"So also we breathe fragrant violets, the rosiny pine and spicy fir, the rich, invigorating aroma of plushy bogs in which a thousand herbs are soaked... and the air is laden with a multitude of scents gathered from ocean wave-tops, from pine forests and gardens, making a combination so marvelously poised we scarce notice it on account of its excellence. Yet it varies every moment, this vast scent-flood, and is not the same in two portions of the current, as when the central plain is in bloom or withered, or the lower woods putting out young leaves or making balsam."

John Muir. John of the Mountains, whitenexing copyright, 1938, Wanda Muir Hanna. Published by Houghton Mifflin pp. 167, 219

O thou God of beauty and harmony, we thank thee for the luxuriant beneficence of thy world, we thank thee. Amen.

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When the applause had ended, the great Toscaniniturned to the singer and exclaimed, "A voice like yours is only heard about once a century." Marian Anderson was born in 1908 in the dilapidated Negro section of South Philadelphia. Her father peddled ice in the summer, coal and wood in the winter. Much sacrifice made possible the purchase At the age of eight of a violin and second-hand piano for Marian. she began to sing in the choir of the Union Baptist Church, where she soon became known as "the baby contralto." When her father died, Mrs. Anderson went to work scrubbing floors in a department store. In High School Marian was frequently told, "You ought to have that voice trained." One day her mother handed her some money which she had saved and told her to go to a famous conservatory and begin lessons in singing. But her application was denied, "we don't take colored." Then she was granted an audition by David Bispham the baritone, who advised her to go to Guiseppi Boghetti the eminent teacher of poice but warned her that a fee of one hundred and twenty-five dollars would be required as a beginning. The folks at the church suggested a benefit concert. Thus Marian was provided with opportunity. At seventeen in a competition she won the right to appear as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, followed by a concert tour of American cities. But it was

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not until she went to Europe in 1932 that she became famous. was after Marian sang at the annual Mozart Festival in Salzburg that Toscanini praised her so highly. Her concerts across Europe and in South America constituted a triumphal procession. In 1939 when the D. A. R. refused permission for her to sing in Constitution Hall, arrangements were made for her to on Easter Sunday in front of the Lincoln Memorial, where seventy-five thousand people were enthralled by her singing. After her concert in Houston, a newspaper reported, "If there was a dry eye in the house, it was because they sold a seat to a stone man."

became an Anglican. He won a scholarship and entered Cambridge at

No. 99 Charles F. Andrews

He was born on Lincoln's birthday in 1871 in England, the fourth child in a family of fourteen. His father was a minister of the Catholic Apostolic Church, but Charles

It Is A Sorrow and Shame

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Anyone who remains united to me, with me united to him, will be very fruitful... When you are very fruitful and show yourselves to be disciples of mine, my Father is honored."

Theologica Germanica is the title of an anonymous book which
Martin Luther found and published with this word of high praise: "Next
to the Bible and St. Augustine, no book hath ever come into my hands from
which I learned more of what God and Christ and man and all things are."

It was written about 1350 and passed through seventeen editions in the
lifetime of Luther, and more than ninety editions to date.

Five eternal truths stand out like Himalayan peaks:

I would fain and be to the Eternal Goodness, what his own hand is to a man.

But it is a sorrow and shame to think that the Eternal Goodness is ever most graciously guiding and drawing us, and we will not yield to it.

Be simply and wholly bereft of self.

Nothing burneth in hell but self-will.

All deception beginneth in self-deception.

For four hundred years Christians of many tongues and in many lands have found nourishment in such words as these: "For the more a man hath of ownership, the more he hath of hell and misery; and the less of self-will, the less of hell, and the nearer he is to the King-dom of Heaven. And could a man, while on earth, be wholly quit of self-will and ownership, and stand up free and at large in God's true light, and tontinue therein, he would be sure of the Kingdom of Heaven. He who hath something of his own, is himself a slave; and he who hath

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nothing of his own, nor seeketh nor longeth thereafter, is free and at large, and in bondage to none... For the more a man followeth after his own self-will, and self-will groweth in him, the farther off is he from God, the true Good... Sin is nothing else than that the creature willeth otherwise than God willeth, and contrary to Him... But it is a sorrow and shame to think that the Eternal Goodness is ever most graciously guiding and drawing us, and we will not yield to it."

We confess to thee, dear Father, what thou knowest better than we, that we are all wrapped up in ourselves, deeply solicitous about our own comforts and pleasures, and resolutely determined to have our own way. Help us in penitence and dedication to accept the forgiveness which thou dost so freely offer. Amen.

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1:4-14 Phil. Adopt 7:10-13

No. 84 - Saturday

Paul Was a Superconqurer

"The letters of Paul are full of distressing facts, but they do not depress the reader. Paul was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. His career was not roughened by an occasional hardship, it was a continuous tragedy. Paul experienced nearly all the sorrows which a mortal can know. Misunderstanding, misrepresentation, indifference, ingratitude, calumny, slander, suspicion, hatred, scorn, loneliness, hunger, toil, poverty, weariness, sickness, vituperations as a renegade, a traitor, an enemy of society, and a blasphomer, imprisonment, scourging, and threats of death; all this and more he was called upon to endure...

gloomy. When we are most depressed, we turn to his letters. They cheer us up in our doleful moods, we are helped by what he went through. His letters kindle a light in the darkness. We drink strength by drawing near to his suffering heart. We are done cheerful by meditating on the tragedy of his life. It is not dismal events in the lives of others which depress us so much as the spirit in which those events are met. If the soul of the sufferer is broken down into lugubrious helplessness or wailing despair, our own heart is dragged into the pit. But the soul which can suffer victoriously

is the soul which floods the heavens with light. In his moens sufferings, Paul was a superconqueror. He never whines or murmurs. He never grumbles or grosns...

In the outer courts of his soul there is often pain and sometimes agony, but in the inner court there is always the sound of music and dancing. Underneath the surface of his letters there runs a strain of deep and solemn gladness. Again and again it is hidden from the eye and sar, but it keeps breaking through... He possessed the joy of feeling that he was working with God. God has far-reaching plans, and Paul is helping him to carry them out. When he suffers he still is joyful because his sufferings, like the sufferings of Jesus, are helping to work out the purposes of the Eternal."

Charles E. Jefferson, The Character of Paul. Copyright, 1923, by the MacMillan Co. pp. 277-285

Grant unto us, O God, that faith which is itself the victory. Undergird our confidence in the powers of the spirit with the quality of lyalty. Amen.

Ps. 119*97-105

"It took me ten days

No. 288 Sunday

The Words Quicken and Shine

To read the Bible through,

Then I saw what I saw,

And I knew what I knew...

For a great wind blows

Through Ezekiel and John,

They are all one flesh

That the Spirit blows upon.

"And suddenly the words
Seemed to quicken and to shine;
They glowed like the bread,
They purpled like the wine...

"The Book felt like flesh,

It would breathe - it would sing
It would throb beneath my hand

Like a breast, like a wing.

"It would cry, it would groan,

It would shot and complain
It would seem to climb a hill

With its solemn stress of pain.

"It would grapple with fierce powers,
With a deep interior strife.

It would seem to heave and lift
With a terrible, glad life.

"And my flesh was in the Book, And its blood was in me; I could feel it throb within, As plain as it could be...

"It took me ten days

To read the Bible through
Then I saw what I saw,

And I knew what I knew." Amen.

Anna Hemps tead Branch, Sonnets From a Lock Box.
Howarton Mifflin Co. 1929

Love Suffereth Long, and is Kind

Writes Douglas V. Steere. Who were the first time she had been forced by the Germans to work in the death camp at Auchwitz and had been compelled to clear the gas chambers. She had failed three times in attempts at suicide, the work was so horrible, and finally she had escaped and made her way with a group of Poles to Sweden. Where the had been tiving as guest of the Swedish government for bir wited her to return to Poland. But before she accepted she wondered if the Quakers were doing any work for her enemies, the suffering Germans in Germany, in which she could join us. As I looked at the sincere yearning to serve those who had abused her, I saw a glint of the patient Grace of God.

"And I saw it again in Lennart Segerstrole, who is
perhaps Finland's greatest living painter. He left his
highly diffed som in the cleaning days of the was with
hosdia. We lived in a country heavely bandened by the
drividing territorial and reportions indomnities exacted by
hosdia in the place texts. The houses and roads and bridges
in the northern third of his beloved Finland had been wantonly
destroyed in a secreted earth program carried out by the
dermals as they evacuated it in 1944. If ever anyons had
ground to hate the Russians and the Germans, it was this
sensitive Finnish artist. Instead, I sat at the table with

him and saw with my own eyes the passion with which he told me that he saw his own task and Finland's as being to reach in some way the deep and precious soul of Russia and to help in binding up the wounded body of broken Germany. He was himself at work painting a great mural depicting 'The Atonement of the World.' God has not left us without revelation of His Grace at work in our time."

Douglas V. Steere, Time To Spare. Copyright, 1949, by Harper & Brothers 109,110

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who art ever being crucified by thy blind and rebellious children, and who yearneth with compassion to redeem every member of thy universal household, forgive us for our many sins of indifference, ingratitude and defiance. Help us to reveal in our attitudes and actions thy redeeming grace. Amen. "Purge me, O God,
With Thy refining fire!
Nor heavy rest Thy Blame,
When flesh shrinks from the flame!

Sweep my soul clean,

By cleansing winds!

Nor let me fret at storm and stress,

Whose purpose is to bless!

Give me a task too big,

Toe hard for human hands.

Then I shall come at length

To lean on Thee,

And leaning, find my strength!

Wilbur Humphrey Fowler, Christian Century, Jan 26, 1938

The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin

"Let us now state the facts starkly, even if they and hurt us. Jesus brought beauty and blessing into the world only blessing - alike for the body and the soul; healing the hurts of life, bearing its woes, costing out its evil spirits; teaching the truth which sets men free from sin and fear and loneliness. He lived in self-spending devotion to His fellows, seeking to set up the reign of God in the hearts and homes of man. Leving others, He thought not of Himself; asking nothing, He could could not be rebbed - He fived under a borrowed roof, and slept at last in a borrowed tomb. All-forgiving, He knew. neither malice nor hate, and His humanity was free from any. He came not to be ministered unto but to minister; utterly, selfless, incredibly merciful, infinitely patient with human weakness except hypocrisy, the lepresy of unreality so hard to heal. Yet as a reward for His life of love, the world put Him to a brutal and shameful death - cruel, ghastly, as if he had been a man of crime...

"Add now the further fact that this thing was deliberately done, at the end of a long, elaborate, studied conspiracy of calumny, attacking His person and His character... The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not; indeed it tried to blot it out. No weapon was left unusued, lying,

bribery, perjury, and the most vicious slander, in order to destroy Him as a subversive agitator.

"How could such things be? How could men call good evil, and evil good? Who were so blind that they could not see the most beautiful thing on earth - a Teacher of genius, young, strong, loving life, giving Himself in sacrifical toil and suffering for those too ignorant to know, too blind to see, too stolid to feel? Who didso unbelievable a thing, and why? Again, we must face the fact - we cannot evade it - they were pious people, the religious leaders of the nation, the church!"

Joseph Fort Newton, His Cross and Ours. Copyright, 1941, by Harper & Brothers.

o God, awaken us to the realization that in us are to be found the sins which crucified our Lord. Forgive us the spiritual blindness which causes us so glibly to dismiss.

Jesus' way of life as being impracticable and visionary in dealing with the rugged realities of this world crisis. Grant thy parden for the faith our people have in the restraining power of atomic and bacterial weapons. Do thou create clean hearts within us and renew a right spirit. Amen.

God Really Is Doing Something

When confronted with the miseries of mankind, "there is only one argument that touches the bottom, and that is Paul's question: 'He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?' We look on the woes of the world. We hear the whole creation, to use Paul's language, groaning and laboring in pain. We see a few good men vainly striving to help the world into life and light; and in our sense of the awful magnitude of the problem and of our inability to do much, we cry out: 'Where's God? How can he bear this? Why doesn't he do something?'

"And there is but one answer that satisfies; and that is the Incarnation and the Cross. God could not bear it. He has done something. He has done the utmost compatible with moral wisdom. He has entered into the fellowship of our suffering and misery and at infinite cost has taken the world upon his heart that he might raise it to himself. This is the highest revelation. Of course the order of life is still mysterious. The mystery of pain is not yet solved. But in the presence of this revelation we say, with the Apostle: What shall separate us from the love of God? For he that spared not his own Son for our sakes must with him give us all things; so that against

all evils and distresses whatsoever we are more than conquerors through him that the loved us. In such a world as ever the inernation contains the highest revelation of God...

The chief value of the Christian revelation consists in its being a revelation of God. It is not primarily and essentially a series of verbal statements about God, but rather a description of what God has done and intends for man... A

Divine Person working for love's sake a divine work for man's redemption is the centre of the Christian faith and the source of its power."

Borden Parker Bowne, Studies in Christianity.
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O theu Eternal Sufferer, who from earliest dawn hast borns the burden of the sinning of thy children and who hast agronized in the endeavor to bring prodigals back home, we beseech thee to forgive us and to create in us readiness to accept thy parden. Restore us to our right minds. Make sensitive our appreciation of Jesus Christ our Lord and help us to walk more faithfully with him in the service of our fellows. Amen.

No. 209 - Friday

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Song of the Earth

The whole earth sings. Her voices are many and various. The streams that runs through a peaceful valley... the tree that lifts its arms to the sun... the bird that pours out his heart in wild, sweet melody... the wheat field that moves in waves before the wind... the rain that falls into the welcoming hands of the dry ground... the snow that swirls and dances gayly under gray clouds... the constellations that trace their eternal patterns of light against the dark sky, - all these are the voices of the earth, singing of peace and order, beauty and brotherhood. Her theme is always the same; she keeps singing to man: 'We belong together; we are made for each other; let us rejoice and be glad.'

"A boy kneels between two shallow furrows in his father's garden... he now bends in almost complete stillness as his right hand pushes into the soil. The sun is warm upon his back. His thoughts are full of the mystery of seeds and growth and harvest... A stange exciting music runs through him as he dimly senses his oneness with the life of the world. He has heard the song of the earth.

"A girl walks in a summer field white and gold with flowers...

Her eyes marvel at the wind that sways prass and flower and billows her dress, and at the slow flowing of white clouds over her head... A woman stands smiling before a bed of roses.

She remembers the little plants she gave to the soil in other

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summers, the rich loam that ran through her fingers and was tamped well over the roots, the watering when the small rains failed, the weeding and the pruning. Now the water velvet petals, fruit of ther working and her waiting, shine in the sum...

"A farmer is on his way from the field to the house. The day's cultivating is done. The farmer and his two sons walk wearily... 'Look! says the father, pointing toward the western horizon, where the setting sun is painting great clouds in amazing rose and yellow and green. 'Isn't it beautiful!'

The three third, hungry farmers stand a while in silence.

They are awed by the song of the earth."

Fred D Wentzel, Song of the Earth. The Christian Education Press, Philadelphia & St Louis

Dear Father, we thank thee for the Good Earth. Deepen our sense of gratitude for bodily nourishment, for mental stimulus, for spiritual exhilaration. Help us to tread reverently upon the holy soil. Amen.

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Ps. 90:14-17

No. 292 - Thursday

Reflections of the Glory of the Lord

John Ruskin has given us this description of the afterglow of an Italian storm: "The storm swept finally to the north, and the noble outlines of the domes of Albano and graceful darkness of its ilex grove rose against pure streaks of alternate blue and amber, the upper sky gradually flushing through the last fragments of rain-cloud in deep, palpitating azure, half ether and half dew. The noon-day sum came slanting down the rocky slopes of La Riccia, and its masses of entangled and tall foliage, whose autumnal tints were mixed with the wet verdure of a thousand evergreens, were penetrated with it as with rain. I cannot call it color, it was conflagration. Purple and crimson and scarlet, like the curtains of God's tabernacle, the rejoicing trees sank into the valley in showers of light, every separate leaf quivering with buoyant and burning life; each, as it turned to reflect or to transmit the sumbeam, first a torch and then an emerald. Far up into the recesses of the valley, the green vistas arched like the hollows of mighty waves of some crystalline sea, with the arbutus flowers dashed along their flanks for foam, and silver flakes of orange spray tossed into the air around them,

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breaking over the gray walls of rock into a thousand separate stars, fading and kindling alternately as the weak wind lifted and let them fall. Every blade of grass burned like the golden floor of heaven, opening in sudden gleams as the foliage broke and closed above it, as sheet-lightning opens in a cloud at sumset: the motionless masses of dark rock - dark though flushed with scarlet lichen - casting their quiet shadows across its restless radiance, the fountain undermeath them filling its marble hollow with blue mist and fitful sound, and over all - the multitudinous bars of amber and rose, the sacred clouds that have no darkness, and only exist to illumine, were seen in fathomless intervals between the solemm and orbed repose of the stone pines, passing to lose themselves in the last, white, blinding lustre of the measureless line where the Campagna melted into the blaze of the sea."

Modern Painters, vel. I, Part II, Sect. II, Chapt II, 256,7

Oh thou Lord of all Loveliness, we thank thee for the glorious beauties of thy world, even in moods of storm and commotion. Attune our ears to hear thy still, small voice above the clamor and tumult of our restless lives, and do thou restore us to our right minds. Amen.